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Inquiry on standards in public life

Neil Hamilton forced to resign and DPP is sent report on Fayed

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

AN INVESTIGATION into standards in public life was announced by John Major yesterday as Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, was forced to resign over new allegations against him.

The Prime Minister also effectively accused Mohamed Al-Fayed of trying to blackmail the Government, accusations that were later rejected by the Harrods chief.

Mr Major told MPs that the Director of Public Prosecutions was studying a report in which he was offered a deal by Mr Al-Fayed over allegations of wrongdoing by ministers.

Mr Major's attempt to quell public concern over political sleaze by establishing a high-powered and permanent body to uphold standards in all areas of public life was overshadowed by the resignation of Mr Hamilton at a meeting with Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip. It was also attended by Michael Heseltine, Mr Hamilton's departmental boss.

Mr Hamilton was recalled from ministerial duties in Sussex, abandoning a lunchtime speaking engagement at the last minute.

Mr Major announced the resignation to a stunned Commons, telling MPs that although the report of Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, into the "cash-for-questions" affair had found no evidence of impropriety against him, other "unconnected allegations" had been made since Sir Robin completed his work. Mr Major said he believed that the combined impact of the new and old allegations "disables Mr Hamilton from carrying out his responsibilities as Minister." He added: "Mr Hamilton agrees, and has resigned from the Government."

Downing Street said that the allegations had been received late on Monday and they went beyond Mr Hamilton's admission that he had failed to disclose a free holiday he and his wife had taken at the Ritz Hotel in Paris in 1987.

Mr Hamilton's friends contested angrily the suggestion that he had acquiesced in his removal from office. They said that he had been sacked and was protesting his innocence.

They said that Mr. Ryder had put two new allegations to him, one that he had failed to register an interest. He had "disproved" that on the spot, pointing to the Register of Members' Interests. The second is understood to have related to a directorship held in a company called Plateau Mining from January to July 1990. His friends said that he had not been told the nature of the allegation relating to this interest, but pointed out that it had been disclosed and that Mr Hamilton had resigned the post on becoming a minister.

Mr Hamilton's future had been looking increasingly bleak all day because of a statement to his constituency party in which he had said that in fighting on he was doing no more than Mr Major had done when the Prime Minister was falsely accused of an involvement with the Downing Street cook, Clare Latimer.

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But though Mr Major and other ministers were irritated by what appeared to be an ill thought-out move, officials denied that it was the main reason for his going.

In another development, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, issued a statement confirming that he had been one of the ministers against whom Mr Al-Fayed made allegations.

It was not clear how many ministers were involved in the Butler inquiry. There are suggestions that another Cabinet minister may have had unsubstantiated allegations made against him. Mr Howard said: "I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that I have never been guilty of any impropriety in the conduct of any of my responsibilities as a minister or MP."

There was anger on the right at the way Mr Hamilton was forced out. Alan Duncan, MP for Rutland and Melton, who was forced to resign as a parliamentary private secretary over allegations concerning the sale of a council house, expressed sympathy. "He was a colourful and a competent minister," he said. "There is a sad irony that he has gone on the day that the spotlight has moved to the questionable conduct of the man who accused him."

John Carlisle, MP for Luton North, said Mr Hamilton should not have had to stand down simply because of "wild allegations which he has denied".

He added: "The principle of 'innocent until proved guilty' must be applicable in this place. The comparison with *Scallywag* was very telling. Why can't he defend himself as a minister?"

Mr Major had come to the Commons to announce his new inquiry, headed by Lord Nolan, a Lord Justice of Appeal, which he hopes will bring under control the preoccupation with sleaze that has gripped Westminster and the media. But even as he did so all the talk was of Mr Hamilton, whose confrontation took place about 90 minutes before Mr Major rose to speak.

The body is intended, within six months, to produce new rules of conduct for ministers, MPs, civil servants, members of quangos, local councillors and all other public bodies.

Mr Major said that he was determined to ensure that British government, parliament and administration was entirely free of malpractice.

"This country has an international reputation for the integrity and honour of its public institutions. That reputation must be maintained and be seen to be maintained." The committee will remain as a standing body after the initial investigation. Prominent figures with experience of Parliament and public life and others with expertise and knowledge of the main institutions will sit on it. It will take evidence in public, but will not deal with specific allegations of sleaze.

Tony Blair, who along with Paddy Ashdown will nominate a member of the committee, welcomed the proposal but suggested that Mr Major was was being forced to make decisions on the run. Only last week ministers were ruling out an independent inquiry. But over the weekend Mr Major decided he must take action; he told confidants at dinner on Saturday night that he "had to put an end to this".

Mr Major is expected to give evidence if asked, and all ministers will be available to contribute. The likely result will be strict new rules governing payments, in cash or in kind, to any politician.

Mr Blair said that either the new body should investigate individual cases, which had sparked allegations of sleaze, or the Privileges Committee should sit in public.

"Otherwise there will be justifiable public concern that the general inquiry is being used to sweep these particular allegations from public view," he said.

NIGEL BOWLES



Mr Hamilton in Bexhill yesterday. He was recalled to London and later resigned

Major tells why he refused to meet angry Harrods chief

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ANDREW PIERCE

ANGER among Conservatives at the way Mohamed Al-Fayed is pursuing an apparent vendetta against the Government erupted in the House of Commons yesterday. Sir Peter Tapsell asked if the Director of Public Prosecutions would be "examining whether Mr Al-Fayed should be prosecuted for attempted blackmail".

To the astonishment of the House, the Prime Minister replied that a file about the Harrods chief and allegations against government ministers had been sent to the director. Mr Major said he had been told by an informant he did not name that Mr Al-Fayed had wanted a highly critical trade department report on his takeover of Harrods in 1985 to be withdrawn or revised.

Quoting a report yesterday by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, into allegations of impropriety levelled by the Harrods chief, Mr Major said: "In reporting those allegations, the informant said that Mr Al-Fayed wanted a meeting with the Prime Minister, principally because of Mr Al-Fayed's wish to have the DTI inspector's report on the takeover of the House of Fraser revised or withdrawn.

"He had made a number of allegations against government ministers and was contemplating passing them on to others."

Mr Major said it had been impossible for him to see Mr Al-Fayed in those circumstances. "If ministers had been guilty of wrongdoing, as Mr Al-Fayed alleged, I was not going to make any sort of deal, regardless of the cost to the Government's reputation." Although he was not prepared to enter into discussions with Mr Al-Fayed, "it was clear to me that I would need to establish whether there was any substance in the allegations. If there was, it was unlikely that they would remain private. Nor was it right that they should."

Mr Major's response to Sir Peter, and his earlier remarks in his Commons statement that he was not going to do a "deal" with the Harrods boss "regardless of the cost to the Government's reputation", were seen by Tory MPs as confirmation that he believes that Mr Al-Fayed is resorting to desperate measures to try to get his way.



Mahomed Al-Fayed: wanted meeting

Mr Al-Fayed issued a fighting statement last night in which he insisted he had never sent an emissary to Downing Street to warn the

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Pension victims win £1bn payout

BY ROBERT MILLER

HUNDREDS of thousands of people who were wrongly advised to transfer from company pension schemes into personal pension plans stand to receive more than £1 billion in compensation.

The Securities and Investments Board, the City watchdog, yesterday published a damning report into the widespread mis-selling of personal pensions since the Government gave approval to insurance companies to promote such plans in 1988.

The board has ordered the guilty companies, believed to include some of the best-known names in the insurance market, to examine the files of at least 350,000 people. Nearly one million more could demand a similar review from their private pension provider. The cost to the industry could top £2 billion when the review is completed in two years. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers has so far secured compensation for members averaging £15,000 each.

In the past six years many people have been persuaded to leave generous occupational schemes and put their money into more risky personal pensions. Victims include teachers, miners, police and nurses.

The scale of mis-selling shocked MPs, unions and consumer groups. Alistair Darling, Labour City spokesman, said: "If we are to ask people to make provision for themselves, they are entitled to demand that the Government puts in place a regulatory system that commands the confidence of the public and the industry."

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MPs seek ban on super unleaded petrol sales

BY NICK NUTTALL AND TIM JONES

SUPER unleaded petrol contains high levels of cancer-causing chemicals and should be banned, a committee of MPs urged yesterday.

The call, by the Select Committee on Transport, shocked motorists. It was condemned by the petroleum industry as "alarmist and scientifically flawed".

The committee, chaired by Paul Channon, a former transport secretary, also called for an urgent investigation into the use of premium unleaded fuel in cars without catalytic converters.

The MPs said scientific evidence showed that emissions from so-called green petrol were more dangerous than those from standard leaded fuel in non-catalytic cars. These form far the majority of vehicles in Britain.

Super-unleaded petrol, which accounts for about 6 per cent of sales, is seen as a greater cause for concern. MPs say there is a strong case for banning it by 1996.

The UK Petroleum Industries Association, representing top names such as Shell, Texaco, BP and Esso, attacked the findings. David Parker, the director-general, said: "The industry deeply regrets the unwarranted concerns that the committee's conclusions will raise with consumers. It is alarmist and scientifically flawed ... The industry has invested millions of pounds in changes to fuels which will continue enhanced air quality."



Filling up with super unleaded. MPs want it banned because its emissions may help to cause cancer

He rejected claims that the industry has loaded unleaded petrol with so-called "aromatics", hydrocarbons such as benzene added to boost fuel octane levels in compensation for reduced levels of lead, and said that levels of such chemicals were being reduced.

Fiona Weir, of Friends of the Earth, welcomed the call for a ban, but said: "Standard unleaded and leaded have very similiar amounts of aromatics, but leaded contains lead, a known brain poison. I would be very concerned if people switched back to leaded petrol because of this report," she said.

Dr David Gidlow, of Associated Octel, a big maker of additives in leaded petrol, welcomed the report. He said that the Government and the European Commission had got it wrong when backing unleaded with tax breaks. About 55 per cent of cars drive on unleaded; 15 per cent have catalysers. He said that 35 per cent of cars were being driven with environmentally unsuitable fuel. "There is no such thing as a green fuel."

Dr Jeremy Vanke, environment manager with the RAC, said: "Only about 2-3 per cent of people need to use super unleaded, and these are drivers with old Jags or Aston Martins. Many buy it because they think it will boost performance and power. But it is really pouring money down the drain."

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Nickell case: new inquiry

Scotland Yard said yesterday 12 officers had been added to the team seeking the killer of Rachel Nickell, who was stabbed on Wimbledon Common in July 1992. They will review evidence from the original inquiry and re-interview witnesses, including Colin Stagg, 31, who was freed last month after the case against him collapsed..... Page 5

British soldiers hurt in Rwanda

A British soldier serving with UN peacekeepers in Rwanda lost his foot and another was lightly wounded yesterday by a landmine as they crossed a bridge at Kanzenze, about five miles south of the capital, Kigali. Their names have not been released.

Arctic oil spill

Oil from a broken pipeline in the Russian Arctic is threatening disaster on the scale of the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska in 1989. Greenpeace Russia say 280,000 barrels of crude has covered 68 sq km of pristine Arctic wilderness..... Page 15

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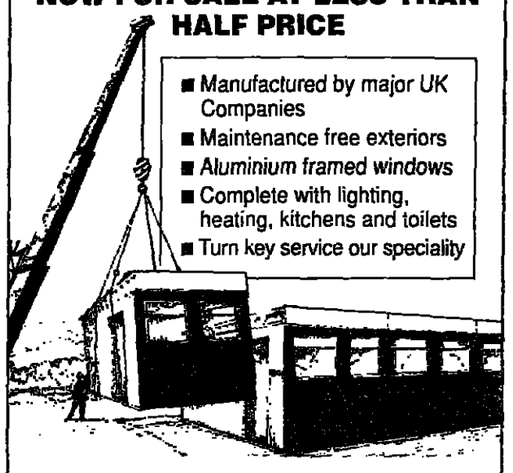
Boys at Ampleforth College, the leading Roman Catholic school, will not be given the Government-approved measles and rubella vaccination because their headmaster has moral objections..... Page 4

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

TUESDAY saw the Prime Minister sleaze the initiative in the Commons's current orgy of insinuation, allegation and innuendo.

Faced with a growing clamour that he should act, John Major took what is, for a politician, always the unexpected course: he acted.

There was a feeling that this was somehow cheating.

The Commons was filled with an intangible sense of wind being taken from sails: that strange, loud silence when the breeze suddenly dies. The Chamber, fuller than it has been since the last Budget — so full that the overflow gallery upstairs began to fill with Tory latecomers — seemed to be whistling, noiselessly and collectively, for the wind.

Along the Opposition backbenches as the PM sat down, hundreds of yards of slack canvass flapped irritably in the oily swell: sails, now windless, that had been taut with indignation as he stood up.

Up in the Press gallery pencils dropped, listless, onto notebooks. Fleet Street's end of the tug-o'-war with Downing Street fell back, temporarily off-balance, as Number 10 let go of the rope.

We journalists, expert at dishing it out but unused to taking it, stirred a little uneasily at the thought that we might be left looking like Mr Al Fayed's poodles. Luckily it is we who write the headlines.

Tony Blair performed adequately in adverse circumstances. He tossed the media the fresh-baked sound-bite he knew they hungered for ("decision-making on the run"); missed one trick (picked up by Labour's veteran Peter Shore) when he failed to notice that Major's new Committee would not be looking at the funding of political parties; but focussed on the obvious gap in the Committee's agenda: the investigation of "individual cases".

You could almost hear the under-the-breath "*hear-hears*" from the three-piece Savile Row brigade when the PM said "the new body will advise on general procedures ... rather than investigate individual cases".

The British Establishment greatly prefers general procedures to individual cases. "General procedures" has a sepulchral ring: a phrase one might intone in Trinity Chapel. "Individual cases" has a rude sound, like dropping your aitches, or breeches: the kind of thing chaps were taught in preparatory school never to do in the street.

"General principles" are declaimed at one's constituency association annual general meeting: "individual cases" are sniggered over in the lavatory at the Carlton Club.

As usual, the backbenches on both sides failed to rise to any seriousness the rest of Britain might think the occasion demanded. Labour started shrieking "snouts in the trough,". "Tory placemen,"; Tories squawked "Trade-union links! Union sponsorship!"

Nobody, so far as I noticed, spotted the final irony of the afternoon. To deal with national anxieties about quangos, political appointments and party stooges, the Government has announced the formation of a quango, staffed by political appointments nominated by party bosses.

This is the ultimate quango: the super-quango: the "Cap-that!" quango: the top-of-the-range, turbo-charged, twin-carb, GTi soft-top 320 SE automatic quango with the overhead cam and electric windows.

This is the quango of quangos: the quangissimo, quangorama or quangoroot. This is the quango of quangos, the meta-quango, the *prima-quangerina*. This is the quintessential quango.

Yesterday, the Mother of all Parliaments gave birth to the Mother of all Quangos.

Law lord wants to hold ethics inquiry in public

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

LORD Nolan, who will chair the committee investigating standards in public life, said last night that he hoped to hold the hearings in public.

John Major, who announced the creation of the committee yesterday, told the Commons that it was up to its members to decide whether to take evidence in public or private, adding that they would "probably wish to deliberate in private". However, Lord Nolan said: "I've grown up doing my work in open court, in public, and that is how I would prefer to go forward." The committee is expected to report within six months and its report will be published. Mr Major promised to "take the appropriate action upon it".

The Prime Minister told the Commons that he expected ministers and MPs to co-operate with Lord Nolan. He said that he would make available to the committee the guidance given to ministers and "any other documentation concerning proprieties in government that it may seek".

Mr Major said that the committee would cover not only MPs but MEPs, civil servants, members of quangos and NHS bodies, local authority members and senior staff, and anyone concerned with spending public money. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, and Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, have been invited to nominate members.

Others on the committee will be "prominent individuals who have practical experience of Parliament and public life but also others with expertise and knowledge of our principal institutions", Mr Major said. After its initial investigation, the committee will continue to advise the government of the day, but the Commons Privileges Committee will stay in being to look into allegations of wrongdoing by MPs.

THE COMMITTEE

Mr Major surprised the House with his announcement of the inquiry, having appeared last week to rule out such an investigation. He said yesterday that he had "reflected upon the points raised" by MPs from all parts of the House. "I hope I have made it clear that I am determined to ensure that this is a wide-ranging review of the safeguards of standards of public office. It is vital that the system is seen and recognised to be beyond criticism."

He concluded: "This country has an international reputation for the integrity and honour of its public institutions. That reputation must be maintained and be seen to be maintained. I hope the standing committee I have announced today will enjoy the support of this House and reassure the people of this country about our determination to maintain high standards of conduct in public life."

The Prime Minister explained that he had ruled out a royal commission or a judicial inquiry. Any committee needed to be flexible and able to respond quickly, he said. He had therefore decided on a standing committee with the following terms of reference: "To examine current concerns about standards of conduct of all holders of public office, including arrangements relating to financial and commercial activities, and make recommendations as to any changes in present arrangements which might be required to ensure the highest standards of propriety in public life."

Mr Blair challenged the Prime Minister to order the Commons Privilege Committee hearings to be held in public. Mr Major replied: "There is no precedent for the Privileges Committee sitting in public. You know very well the good reasons why that is so. It is necessary to have an investigation in depth without unsubstantiated allegations subsequently being made. That is a matter of natural justice and has always been seen to be so by Members of this House — until some Opposition MPs seemed to wish to play party politics with this issue."

He said that the new body was being set up to ensure confidence in the conduct of public affairs. "It is set up for that reason and it is unbecoming of you to suggest it was set up for any other reason."



Ashdown: to nominate one committee member



Lord Nolan: "Standards must be maintained"

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Enemy of miners' flying pickets

THE CHAIRMAN

LORD Nolan, a High Court judge in the Queen's Bench division since 1982, was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in January 1991 and made a member of the Privy Council in the following month (John Young writes).

During the miners' strike in 1984 he attracted both praise and opprobium by granting the National Coal Board two injunctions against the strikers' use of illegal "flying pickets". In 1991 he was one of three appeal court justices who rejected claims for compensation for psychological damage by relatives and friends of those who died in the 1989 football crowd disaster at Hillsborough.

A Roman Catholic of Irish descent, Lord Nolan was born in 1928 and educated at Ampleforth and Wadham College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar in 1953, and became a QC in 1968 and a Crown Court Recorder in 1975. He was made a life peer this year.

He said yesterday: "As the Prime Minister said in the Commons, this country has the highest standards of integrity in public life. It is of the greatest importance that those standards be maintained and kept under review in changing circumstances. That will be the task of the independent committee."

Major's refusal to see angry Fayed

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Prime Minister he was contemplating passing on allegations about ministers. But he had wanted a meeting.

He insisted he had not been badly motivated. "Because I know the Prime Minister is sincere and determined in his drive for good governance, I wanted him to know my experiences in order that he could take action against malpractice wherever it exists."

The Prime Minister declined to name the intermediary who Mr Al-Fayed insists had not acted with his permission. Brian Hitchen, the editor of the *Sunday Express*, has denied the he filled the role.

Mr Al-Fayed said: "The Prime Minister did not make clear who the alleged intermediary was. No one has the authority to speak on my behalf.

"That is simply not my style. It is inconceivable that I would allow anyone to make an arrangement on my behalf. However, I did wish to speak to the Prime Minister."

In newspaper leaks in the past week, which have been orchestrated by Harrods, it has been made clear that Mr Al-Fayed blames Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, who was a junior trade and industry minister in the mid-1980s, for the decision to call in DTI inspectors.

The Al-Fayed camp was relaxed about the DPP's involvement. It did not expect it to go further because that would require the Prime Minister's unnamed intermediary to go into the witness box.

Tiny Rowland, whose fragile peace with Al-Fayed disintegrated after Mr Al-Fayed was said to have recorded their private lunch at Harrods last Thursday, said: "As far as Lonrho is concerned, this came nine years too late", referring to Mr Al-Fayed's takeover bid for House of Fraser in the spring of 1985.

Success depends on choosing the right people

In all the immediate drama yesterday, the unusual nature of the proposed enquiry by Lord Nolan's committee was overshadowed. But its results could have the biggest impact in the long-term. Much therefore depends on its composition and methods of operation.

Prime ministers normally set up enquiries to defuse pressing difficulties. They are then forgotten as attention turns to other issues. When several months, or sometimes years, later the reports appear, the original cause for the enquiries is forgotten and the recommendations can easily be sidelined.

The form of the inquiry is crucial. As John Major said in the Commons, there are disadvantages in the traditional types of inquiry. What he has in mind is neither an investigation into particular allegations against MPs, which are already being examined by the privileges and members' interests committees of the Commons, nor a long-term study which need not report for several years. He has anyway proposed a standing body, which would stay in being after producing a first report within six months.

Formal boards of enquiry or judicial enquiries usually carry out specific investigations rather than considering broader issues of public policy. Classic examples are the report by Lord Denning into the colourful rumours thrown up by the Profumo affair in 1963, or the current enquiry by Lord Justice Scott into sales of arms-related equipment to Iraq.

The subject matter of the Nolan enquiry — "standards of conduct of all holders of public office" — is broader than would normally be examined by a parliamentary committee. To ensure public confidence in the enquiry, Mr Major said its members should include not just "prominent individuals who have practical experience of Parliament and public life but also others with expertise and knowledge of our principal institutions".

Hence a committee "composed solely of privy councillors might be seen as too narrowly drawn", while a Speaker's Conference traditionally only deals with electoral law".

The key will be membership of the enquiry. When a committee under Lord Franks investigated events leading up to the invasion of the Falklands in 1982, Michael Foot, the then Labour leader, nominated the establishment figure of Merlyn Rees. Much will depend on whom Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown nominate, and how widely Mr Major casts his net outside. Too many with partisan connections and the enquiry will be devalued.

A Royal Commission, a traditional method of kicking an issue into touch until after the next election, "tends to be cumbersome and would probably take too long", Mr Major said. Harold Wilson was fond of setting up such commissions — for example on the constitution in 1968, whose proposals on devolution were ignored when they reported after the change of Government in 1970. This occurred most recently over the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice under Viscount Runciman, set up in 1991 after the convictions of the Birmingham Six had been quashed. The commission reported last year and while the Government accepted some of its recommendations, many others were ignored, or rejected.

Standards of conduct in public life was previously the subject of a Royal Commission (the Salmon commission reporting in 1976), set up following the Poulson affair amid allegations of widespread corruption in the awarding of public contracts.

The most direct parallel is with the enquiry by the ubiquitous Lord Franks following the Crichel Down affair in 1954 which raised questions about the protection of citizens against Government decisions. The Franks committee on Administrative Tribunals and Inquiries recommended changes in the way in such tribunals considered public objections. And legislation followed.

The new body's remit is more wide-ranging, and will cover not just ministers, backbench MPs, civil servants and advisers but members and senior officers of non-departmental public bodies and local authorities. It will advise on procedures governing public appointments, rather than on individual cases.

The real test will be whether current procedures change. There are limits as to how far the enquiry can deal with current allegations over MPs' interests and how far its general proposals can, or will, change the rules affecting MPs. Mr Major emphasised that the committee would not replace the House's own machinery. Any recommendations affecting MPs will in the end be decided by members themselves.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair attacks 'sleaze' policies made on the run

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JONATHAN PRYNN

TONY Blair yesterday accused the Government of being forced into making "policies on the run" with its new body to examine conduct in public life. The Labour leader welcomed the new "sleaze" inquiry as "plainly sensible and necessary", but insisted that it should be "comprehensive, covering past malpractice, present practice and future rules".

Replying to the Prime Minister's statement, Mr Blair said that either the new body should investigate individual cases which had sparked allegations of sleaze or the Privileges Committee should sit in public. "Otherwise there will be justifiable public concern that the general inquiry is being used to sweep these particular allegations from public view," he told the House.

LABOUR'S VIEW

Mr Major said the Privileges Committee report would be published and then debated by the House, adding: "That is hardly a secret investigation."

Mr Blair also asked for the Prime Minister's assurance that the board would look into areas such as the role of lobbyists, the rightness of ex-ministers joining boards of privatised companies and the appointments to quangos.

"There are now 66 NHS trusts whose chairman are either prominent members of the Conservative Party or of companies that give money to the Conservative Party," the Labour Leader said. Mr Major reassured the House that the new body would have a broad remit.

Distancing himself from the allegations made by Mohammed Al-Fayed, Mr Blair said: "I accept that some of the allegations made by Mr Al-Fayed may well be unsubstantiated. But will you also accept that the public anger over these issues goes far, far wider than merely the matters raised by Mr Al-Fayed?"

Mr Blair went on to chastise Mr Major for being forced to make up policy on the hoof. "It would not be unfair to describe the statement as a decision made while on the run."

Mr Major stressed that Mr Hamilton had not resigned because of failure to declare something in the register of MPs' interests. "Mr Hamilton resigned on grounds of allegations, as yet unsubstantiated and unexamined, and it was clearly difficult for him to continue his present responsibilities as corporate affairs minister," he said.

Asked if the Director of Public Prosecutions would be examining whether Mr Al-Fayed should be prosecuted for attempted blackmail, Mr Major said: "The note of my meeting has been passed to the DPP."

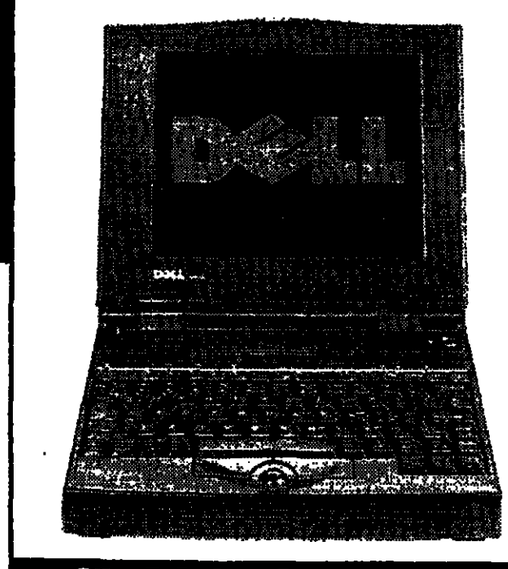
Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said he welcomed the principle of an inquiry into the ethics of public life, but this should not be taken as approval of the way the Prime Minister had handled the cases of individual ministers.

Sir Norman Fowler, the former Conservtive Party chairman, said an independent inquiry was "much better than allowing the agenda to be set by political muck-raking".

Tony Benn, a senior member of the Privileges Committee, warned that the increasing commitments by MPs to external consultancies and companies threatened to "destroy faith in the House of Commons and undermine centuries of work in establishing democracy".

In the Lords, Lord Callaghan accused Mr Al-Fayed of an "improper proposal" which anyone knowing the Prime Minister would not expect him to accept. He blamed the Government for "disquiet" generated over public morality, saying arrogance had been shown in pursuit of patronage in appointments to other bodies.

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Allegations against ministers contained 'patent inaccuracies' and were strongly denied

Major 'refused to bargain' over Al-Fayed claims

NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR refused to do a "deal" with Mohamed Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, over his allegations of impropriety against ministers, according to the report into the affair by the Cabinet Secretary published yesterday. It says that the Prime Minister was not prepared to bargain "regardless of the cost to the Government's reputation".

The inquiry by Sir Robin Butler says that Mr Al-Fayed wanted a highly critical report by Department of Trade and Industry inspectors into the takeover of Harrods by the Al-Fayed brothers in 1985 "revised or withdrawn".

At the same time he was making allegations against Government ministers and was thinking of publicising them more widely. But the Prime Minister refused to see him and instead instructed Sir Robin to conduct his investigation into the claims.

The report does not recapitulate on the DTI report, published in 1990, the most crucial section of which states: "The Fayeds dishonestly misrepresented their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources to the Secretary of State, the Office of Fair Trading, the Press, the House of Fraser board and the House of Fraser shareholders and their own advisers."



Butler spoke to the ministers named

Sir Robin's report says that the affair blew up on the evening of September 29 when an unnamed informant passed to the Prime Minister details of the allegations being made by the Harrods chief.

The report says that the following morning Mr Major asked Sir Robin to conduct an investigation. Some of the allegations were old, had been previously investigated and "strongly denied". But some were new.

Sir Robin spoke to the ministers named in the allegations in the week before the party conference. The only ministers named in the report are Tim Smith, who has resigned as a junior Northern Ireland minister, and Neil Hamilton, who was sacked yesterday from his job as a junior trade minister.

Sir Robin reported the outcome of his conversations plus the results of other inquiries to the Prime Minister on October 17. "On October 18, you concluded that Mr Smith's offer of resignation from the Government (over belated declaration of payments from Mr Al-Fayed) should be accepted."

The report says that two of the allegations passed to the Prime Minister — that Mr Smith and Mr Hamilton were paid to ask questions on Mr Al-Fayed's behalf — were published in *The Guardian* on October 20.

Sir Robin says that he had previously questioned Mr Smith and Mr Hamilton about the allegations. But because of the possibility of other inquiries — not specified but presumably those planned by Commons committees — and Mr Hamilton's libel action against *The Guardian*, they are not dealt with in detail in the report.

Sir Robin says of Mr Hamilton that he "emphatically denied throughout my inquiries" that he received any payments from Mr Al-Fayed. He adds: "I have found no evidence which controverts Mr Hamilton's assurances."

On Mr Hamilton's stay with his wife Christine at the Ritz in Paris in 1987, the reports says: "He acknowledged that he received hospitality from Mr Al-Fayed, as a private guest (as he believed) at a time well before he entered the Government. He had not thought it necessary to declare this in the Register of Member's Interests, for reasons which he explained in a letter to the Editor of *The Guardian*, a copy of which he gave me."

Sir Robin also says that when Mr Hamilton became a DTI minister in 1992 he stood aside from involvement in House of Fraser matters.

As for the other allegations, in some there were "patent inaccuracies" and all had been "explicitly denied" by the ministers concerned.

Sir Robin gives the rest of the Government a clean bill of health. "I have found nothing which would cause me to throw any doubt on the validity of those denials ... I am confident that the allegations either are demonstrably false or ... entirely unsubstantiated."



Mr Major at Question Time yesterday. Behind him is Michael Howard, who said he had been investigated and cleared by Sir Robin Butler

Show of bravado fails to halt the inevitable

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE sentence sealed Neil Hamilton's fate yesterday in the eyes of many Tory MPs. In the morning he released a statement with an astonishing defence of his decision to hang onto his job as junior trade minister.

"Of course I could resign and fight a libel action from the backbenches," he said in the statement. "But the same argument could have applied to the Prime Minister in respect of his action against the scurrilous Scallywag magazine, or against other ministers who have fought libel actions."

Mr Hamilton's reference to John Major's libel action, taken after unfounded allegations about a relationship with a Downing Street caterer, would probably have been enough to secure his dismissal. Mr Major was said to be furious that his name had been dragged into the "government sleaze" furore.

But when Mr Hamilton left his London flat yesterday morning, he gave no indication that he was about to resign. "I have nothing to say. I am just about to go to Sussex to fulfil my ministerial engagements today," he said.

The minister arrived 30 minutes late at 10.30am for an appointment in Bexhill, East Sussex, to launch the Rother Business Partnership, unaware that his fate had already been decided.

In a further show of bravado, for which he has now become notorious, Mr Hamilton explained why he was late. "It was because of the roadworks, nothing more sinister."

> "The same argument could have applied to the Prime Minister in respect of his libel action"

Afterwards he refused to answer questions on his talk from local businessmen and avoided questions from reporters on his future. But as he drove to his next appointment at the Sussex Chamber of Commerce, Horley, he was contacted by the Chief Whip. His car swung round as he was asked to drive immediately to Richard Ryder's office at 12 Downing Street.

A spokesman for the Sussex Chamber of Commerce said he was contacted by the minister's office only moments before Mr Hamilton was due to arrive at the Ramada Hotel, Gatwick, to speak to 100 businessmen.

As news leaked that his lunchtime speaking engagement had been cancelled at the last minute, speculation abounded at Westminster that the minister was on the point of resigning.

At 1.30pm Mr Hamilton avoided photographers by going through the Cabinet Office entrance in Whitehall to 12 Downing Street. Michael Heseltine, his boss at the Trade and Industry Department was also present.

Mr Ryder then told him he had to go — not because of his statement but because of "new serious allegations" that had reached Downing Street late on Monday night.

His friends claim this was the first Mr Hamilton knew of the fresh allegations against him. Mr Hamilton was said to have protested his innocence and defended his corner. One of his friends said: "He got the bullet. He was forced to resign." However the Prime Minister later told the House of Commons that Mr Hamilton had agreed to step down.

By 2.30pm the news had leaked at Westminster that Mr Hamilton had been asked to go. By then the beleaguered minister had joined friends at "a safe house" in London where he remained closeted for several hours to decide how he would react to his "sacking" and to draft his resignation letter.

At 3.30pm Mr Major told the House that Mr Hamilton had resigned. Mr Hamilton was absent.

Howard emphasises innocence

THE Home Secretary, Michael Howard, confirmed yesterday that he had been investigated and cleared by the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, during his "cash-for-questions" inquiry.

In his report, Sir Robin said that he had investigated a number of allegations regarding ministers other than Tim Smith and Neil Hamilton, who have both lost their ministerial posts.

The report said Mohamed Al-Fayed had made the allegations against ministers and was contemplating passing them to others.

Sir Robin said he was confident that the allegations were demonstrably false or entirely unsubstantiated, as well as having been denied by all of the ministers concerned.

Mr Howard said in a statement: "I confirm that I am one of the ministers referred to by Sir Robin Butler in his report. Sir Robin's report makes clear the outcome of his investigations.

"I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that I have never been guilty of any impropriety in the conduct of any of my responsibilities as a minister or Member of Parliament."

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



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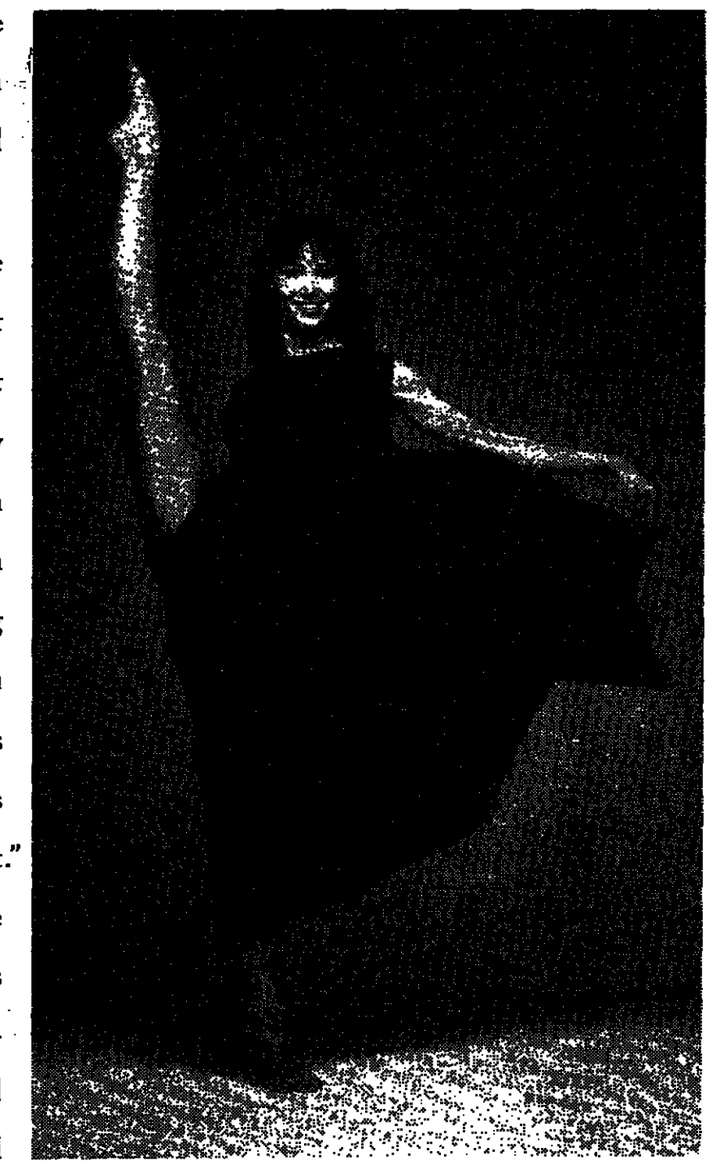
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Sylvie Guillem has a way of dancing around tradition.

Her suppleness is legendary. Her command over those incredibly long limbs means that every performance evokes gasps from audiences around the world.

However, Sylvie Guillem is the first to point out that the exceptionally lithe body with which she has been gifted is a blessing in disguise: "You must work on this gift so that it does not become a defect."

That is why she constantly strives to push her performances beyond technique pure and simple. "After that, you work on something else: how to express things. I want people to remember me as a dancer who tells a story with her body." In pursuit of this aim, Mlle. Guillem frequently finds herself in conflict with the traditions and rules of classical ballet.



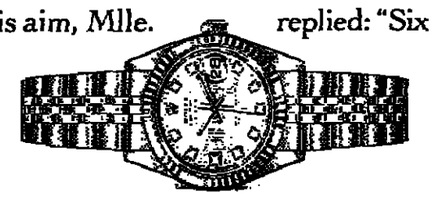
"I have a way of being able to walk around tradition if it gets in my way."

Nevertheless, the classical form of her Rolex Oyster earns nothing but admiration.

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Notice the pose that Sylvie Guillem has chosen to adopt for her picture. Just like her Rolex, it combines elegance and balance with supreme technical ability. The photographer paused for a moment to enquire what this ballet position is called. With a smile, Mlle. Guillem replied: "Six o'clock. Precisely."

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Father labels jabs 'evil action' as epidemic threatens

Catholic school head bans vaccine over abortion link

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE headmaster of a leading Roman Catholic school has banned measles and rubella vaccinations for his pupils on moral grounds despite government warnings of an epidemic this winter.

Father Leo Chamberlain, head of Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire, says the original rubella vaccine developed almost 30 years ago used culture tissue from aborted foetuses. He feels that pupils should not benefit from "an evil action".

Earlier this month, the Health Department predicted that 200,000 people would be infected with measles and that up to 50 could die in the outbreak. It has just completed a national publicity campaign urging parents to allow their children to take part in the schools vaccination programme due to start next week.

Father Chamberlain, a Benedictine monk, is writing to the parents of 420 boys aged between four and 16 years offering an alternative measles-only vaccination. He said: "An absolute respect for human life requires the condemnation of direct abortion and a refusal to benefit from the products of an evil action.

"Alternative forms of vaccination against measles, which is the main object of the present campaign, are available and we will seek to make an alternative available to families.

"We urge drug companies to pursue the production of vaccines from cultures which are universally acceptable and urge also that the origins of all vaccines and related medicines should be published openly and widely, so that everyone may be able to make their own moral decisions on the basis of full information."

He said that as rubella affected females more seriously than males, his pupils were not at such a great risk. If a pregnant woman contracts rubella it can lead to blindness or deafness in the foetus.

A Health Department spokesman said the original culture had used cells from a foetus aborted on medical grounds, but it was now so highly refined that there was no longer any connection to human cells. He said it was important for both sexes to be innoculated as the presence of rubella in only a fifth of males could lead to an epidemic.

Father Peter McGuire, a Catholic priest and school governor, said the link between the original cells and today's vaccination "is now so remote that there is no moral dilemma". However he said parents should still campaign for vaccines developed from other sources.

THE VACCINE

Vaccines are produced from human cells kept in culture because this is the only way that the virus can be kept alive (Nigel Hawkes writes). Two cell lines are used for rubella vaccines, both of which originally came from aborted foetuses in the 1960s and 1970s. The cells are infected with rubella virus. Viruses work by taking over the genetic machinery of the cell and using it to reproduce themselves, so after a few days the infected cells begin excreting virus. This is harvested and forms the basis of the vaccine. To ensure that the vaccine cannot pass on the disease, it is attenuated (weakened) so that its only effect is to produce an immune response.

£2m deal author expected £3,000

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE author whose half-finished debut novel has been bought by a Hollywood studio for £1.9 million said yesterday he had expected the film rights to fetch only £3,000.

Having signed the biggest feature film deal for a first-time novelist, Nick Evans, 44, has been elevated to the same league as Michael Crichton and John Grisham.

The television and film writer and producer from south London has only completed 215 pages of *The Horse Whisperers* and is working hard to make sure it is finished by Christmas.

He clinched his Hollywood deal at midnight on Friday after two telephone calls to Robert Redford, who is to produce the film and take the title role of the horse whisperer, Tom Booker, a man with a gift for taming wild horses.

Walt Disney's Hollywood Pictures bought the rights on Redford's behalf.

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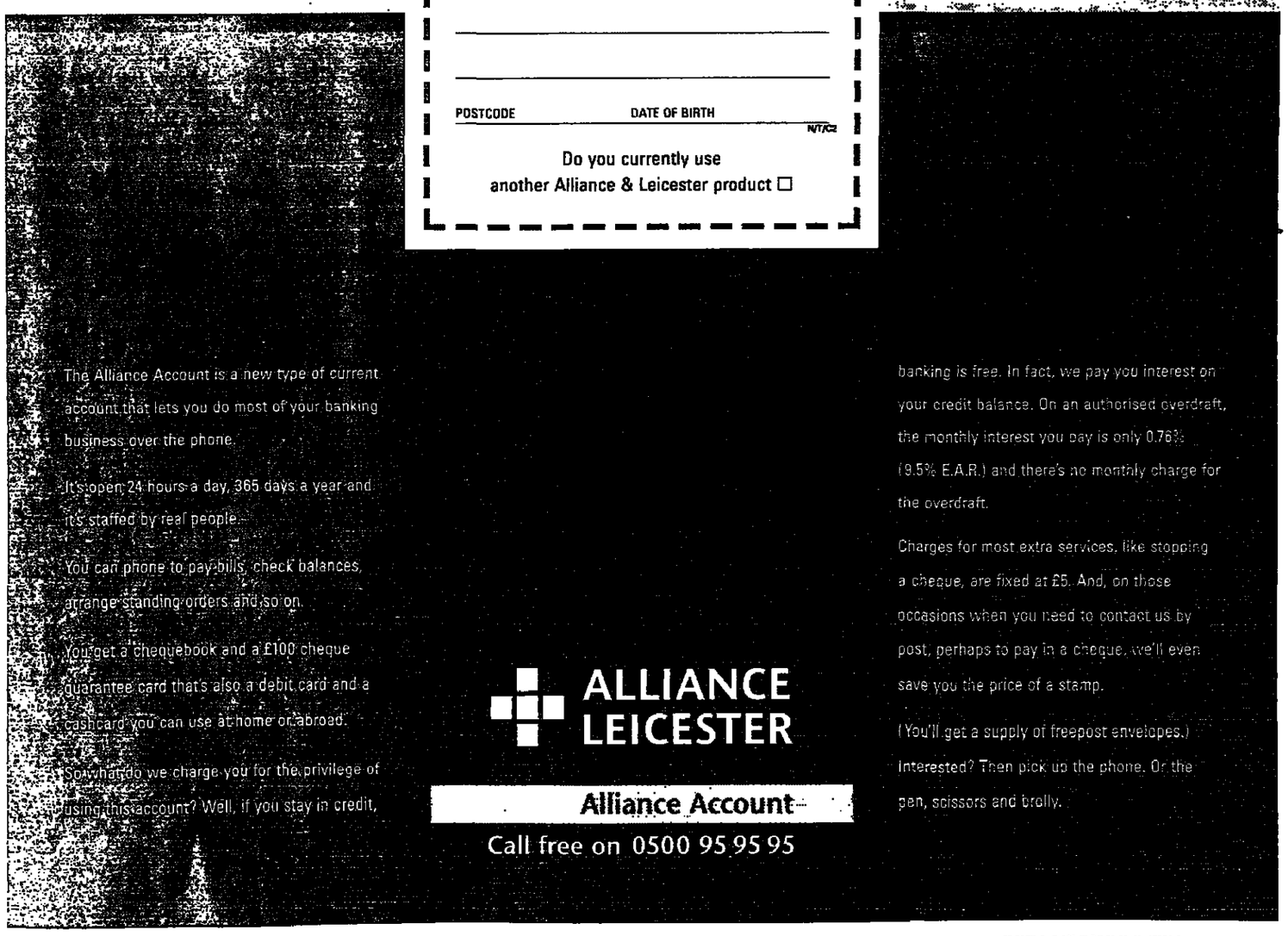
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mackay to review legal aid for rich

The Lord Chancellor has ordered an urgent review of the payment of legal aid to "apparently wealthy individuals". Lord Mackay of Clashfern announced the review in the House of Lords as he disclosed that Dr Jawad Hashim, a millionaire former aide to Saddam Hussein, had so far received £2.8 million of the £4.1 million of legal aid he had sought to defend fraud charges. But Lord Mackay rejected calls to bar foreign nationals from receiving legal aid.

Rebel peers retreat

The revolt by Tory peers against the Criminal Justice Bill crumbled yesterday as the measure approached the completion of its parliamentary passage. Lord Carr of Hadley, a former Home Secretary who led opposition to secure training centres for young offenders, told peers he did not seek further confrontation with the Government.

Missile contract signed

Britain has won a £50 million contract to supply Kuwait with air-defence missiles. Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, announced the deal yesterday on a visit to Kuwait, where 1,100 British troops are on duty. The Starburst missile system, developed by Short Brothers, was chosen in preference to the French Mistral system.

Mayhew warning

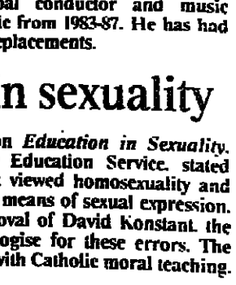
Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, warned yesterday of hardliners who wanted to derail the peace process after a member of a prominent republican family was abducted from his home in Armagh City on Monday. Two men bundled Paul Carroll, 23, whose father is a former Sinn Fein councillor, into a car.

Getty appeal opens

The legal dispute over whether Canova's *Three Graces* is to remain in Britain reopened in the Court of Appeal yesterday with a claim by the Getty Museum of California that export of the sculpture had been blocked by an "unlawful and unreasonable" decision on the part of Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary.

Actress, 15, found dead

A 15-year-old actress was found dead in her bed only *hours after being told off* by her father for drinking in a pub. The police are investigating the possibility that Debbie Willis, right, had taken an overdose. Debbie, from Ystalyfera, near Swansea, had appeared in *Jackanory* and in a BBC children's drama.



Coren voted top wit

Alan Coren, the *Times* columnist, broadcaster, author and former editor of *Punch*, was yesterday voted the wittiest man in Britain by listeners to BBC Radio 4's series about language, *Word of Mouth*. The programme is presented by Frank Delaney.

Coren's column, page 18

Woman wins sex case

A mother-of-six has been awarded £4,226 in compensation after the managing director of the toffee factory where she worked stroked her bottom as she leant over a desk and then pinned her against a filing cabinet. An industrial tribunal in Leeds upheld a complaint of sexual discrimination by the 44-year-old woman.

Conductor retires

Ill-health has forced Klaus Tennstedt to retire as conductor laureate with the London Philharmonic. Tennstedt, 68, who was educated at the Leipzig Conservatory, was principal conductor and music director of the Philharmonic from 1983-87. He has had throat cancer and two hip replacements.

Education in sexuality

Our report (October 22) on *Education in Sexuality*, produced by the Catholic Education Service, stated incorrectly that the booklet viewed homosexuality and masturbation as acceptable means of sexual expression, and that this had the approval of David Konstant, the Bishop of Leeds. We apologise for these errors. The guidelines are fully in line with Catholic moral teaching.

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Witnesses to be re-interviewed as inquiry urges checks on psychologists

Nickell detectives enlist extra officers to sift evidence

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

TWELVE more police officers have been appointed to the team hunting the killer of Rachel Nickell, who was stabbed to death in front of her two-year-old son on Wimbledon Common.

The officers will review all the evidence gathered during the original inquiry and will re-interview witnesses, including Colin Stagg. Mr Stagg, 31, walked free from the Old Bailey last month after the case against him collapsed.

Scotland Yard does not expect dramatic findings to emerge from the investigation. "This is going to be a bit like looking for a needle in a haystack, only in this case the needle might not even exist," Commander Tom Williamson, head of crime investigation in southwest London, said yesterday.

The police denied that putting fresh officers on the inquiry was no more than a cosmetic exercise. Assistant commissioner Ian Johnston said that he firmly believed it was a worthwhile exercise. But he cautioned against expectations of any dramatic breakthrough. New information had been brought to the police since Mr Stagg was freed but it would be wrong to attach too much importance to it.

The announcement of more officers was made as Scotland Yard produced the findings of a review of the police handling of the case. Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, ordered the review after Mr Justice Ognall, the trial judge, criticised the police for a "blatant attempt to incriminate a suspect by positive and deceptive conduct of the grossest kind". An eight-month undercover operation to secure a confession from Mr Stagg involved a woman officer befriending him and trying to lure him into confessing to the killing. Another controversial aspect of the case was the use of a psychologist to advise on the likely background of the murderer.



Stagg: freed after judge attacked police methods

Mr Johnston denied that the inquiry had been flawed but said that the review had suggested stricter procedures when police use expert advisers or untried tactics, including undercover operations.

The review's 13 recommendations include a senior officer to act as an independent adviser when police use experts during investigations; a second opinion to be sought when psychologists assist in undercover operations; and further research into the use of offender-profiling and psychology in criminal investigations.

Miss Nickell, 23, a part-time model, was stabbed 49 times while walking the family dog on Wimbledon Common on July 15, 1992, with her son Alex. He was found clinging to the body crying "Get up, Mummy".



Rachell Nickell: stabbed 49 times while her two-year-old son looked on

Fishery manager quit over 'scum of the earth' anglers

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PAY-as-you-fish scheme to attract day-ticket anglers to the Honourable Robin Cayzer's country estate led to the resignation of the fishery manager, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Mark Stephenson, who was responsible for fishing on the Cornbury Park estate in Charlbury, Oxfordshire, told the panel that he resigned because he feared the scheme would mean working 13 hours a day, seven days a week with fishermen whom he thought were "the scum of the earth".

But the 35-year-old manager lost his claim for unfair dismissal against The Hon. Robin Cayzer, heir to the Rotherwick estate and neighbour of the Earl of Caithness. The chairman of the tribunal, Victor Leese, said that the panel's decision was unanimous and that there was no question of dismissal because Mr Stephenson had resigned.

Duncan Peake, agent for the estate, told the tribunal that Mr Stephenson worked only about 20 hours a week during the off season but was expected to put in extra hours during the fishing season, which ran from March to October.

Mr Peake heard that Mr Stephenson had been telling several people about his misgivings over the running of the estate's fishing. "He said day-ticket fishermen were the scum of the earth and he did not want to be associated with them," he said.

Mr Stephenson told the hearing in Reading, Berkshire, that the day-ticket scheme was introduced to attract more anglers to the estate and he was unhappy at the extra work it would create.

Although he had free accommodation on the estate, he expected to be paid overtime, but this was refused. He said: "I was not prepared to work 13 hours a day, seven days a week, for £175."

Brian Morris, who replaced the manager, said that Mr Stephenson had previously told him about his misgivings over day-ticket fishermen and often referred to them as "the scum of the earth. He had considerable experience of day-ticket fisherman and he had had some difficulties with them. He was very apprehensive and concerned," said Mr Morris.

Speaking after the hearing, Mr Peake said: "This was a malicious and vindictive claim brought against the estate and I am glad the tribunal made the decision it did."

Duchess caused mother to see red

THE arrival of the Duchess of York and her daughter at an exclusive nursery in west London triggered an angry dispute between two neighbours, a court was told yesterday.

Sandra Dixon Brown, a mother of three, strode out of her apartment and hurled abuse from her balcony as a crowd of women, all wearing red wigs, gathered to await the Duchess at the creche in Notting Hill in May.

Lavinda Trevor objected to her neighbour's language, which she believed was directed at her, and filed a private summons alleging breach of the peace. Marylebone magistrates found the case proved and ordered Dixon-Brown to be bound over in the sum of £200.

Dixon-Brown said: "The Duchess of York turned up with her twitty daughter and all the mothers at the nursery were wearing red wigs as a practical joke. It is a snobbish nursery school and it really got on my nerves that these snotty people were playing a pathetic practical joke. I didn't direct my words at Mrs Trevor. It was directed at the bitches in school wearing those silly wigs."

Mrs Trevor, who has lived next door to Dixon-Brown for the past three years, said yesterday that she had been abused by her "more times than I would like to say. If she wants to refer to me like that then she should keep it behind closed doors and not on the landing."

Belinda Southwell, chairman of the magistrates, told Dixon-Brown: "You live in a block of flats and you are not the sole owner of the premises. Everybody living there has a responsibility to the feelings of their neighbours and the comments made were of such a nature and volume as to be very annoying."

Dixon-Brown was once a Lloyds Name and is believed to have incurred debts of about £500,000 as a result. She agreed to be bound over and to be of good behaviour for a year.



Petrolini: blood bond

Killer tells court of apology for technique

BY ROBIN YOUNG

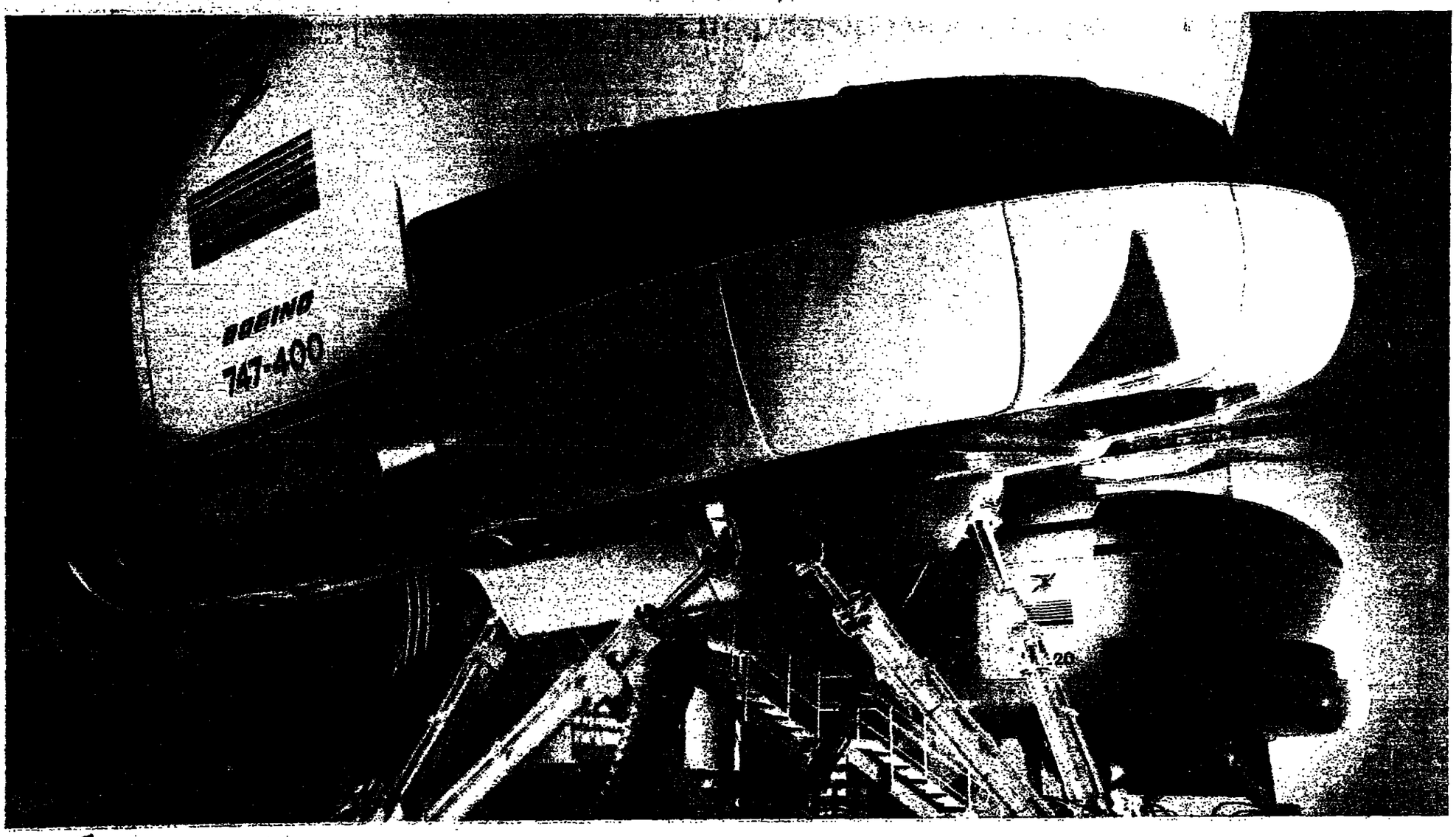
A FORMER Gordonstoun pupil charged with murdering a stranger told the Old Bailey yesterday that after the killing he apologised to his companion and said: "I'll get it right next time."

Jamie Petrolini, 19, said that his co-defendant, Richard Elsey, 18, had dictated to him methods of killing. Both men deny murder although Mr Petrolini admits manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

He said that Mr Elsey had told him he was a second lieutenant in The Parachute Regiment and that Mr Petrolini would be taken to London for his "unofficial initiation into the SAS". Mr Elsey told him that the object would be to kill a pimp or drug dealer, Mr Petrolini said.

When asked by his defending counsel, Peter Thornton, QC, why they had switched targets to a motorist travelling alone, Mr Petrolini replied: "I don't know. I didn't notice." He said that he had admired Mr Elsey greatly because of what he had claimed to have achieved. They met at an Oxford crammer, where Mr Elsey said he had been sent by the SAS to resit science A levels.

He said that they formed a "blood brother bond" by cutting their palms with knives and then clasping hands. The trial continues.



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Labour condemns 'abuse' of political patronage

Beckett accuses Tories of packing NHS trusts

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR intensified its attack on alleged sleaze and greed yesterday by charging the Government with packing National Health Service quangos with Tory supporters.

Margaret Beckett, in her first big speech as shadow Health Secretary, accused the Government of abusing its patronage by giving the majority of positions on NHS trust boards as gifts to its own supporters. She accused Virginia Bottomley of being the Madame Mao of the health service. She told the House of Commons that she welcomed the review of standards in public life announced by the Prime Minister, but it was too little, too late.

Mrs Beckett told MPs that one third of the places on boards were held by directors of private companies. Others included solicitors and accountants. "A tiny percentage actually have medical expertise or expertise of the health service," she said. Labour would only begin to accept the legitimacy of the quangos when they were centrally registered, along with the names of every NHS trust board member, their qualifications and their political affiliations.

She accused Mrs Bottomley, the Health Secretary, of unfairly packing the trusts. "Sixty-six of these trusts are chaired either by Conservatives or someone connected with a company that has made a donation to the Conservative Party. The party and other Tory front organisations have been given nearly £2 million by companies whose directors were appointed by the Secretary of State to now sit on NHS trusts." She said that Mrs Bottomley had not appointed any Tories with expertise in the NHS because she feared their "devotion to the health service might outweigh their devotion to the Conservative Party".

Mrs Beckett insisted that Mrs Bottomley had inflicted a permanent and damaging revolution on the NHS. "You attack the authority of medical staff. You banish or sack people who disagree with you, and Parliament and the public have to sneak information out through a system of Chinese whispers," she said. Mrs Bottomley replied: "If you really want more of your own supporters to join NHS trusts, the best thing you could do is to support NHS trusts."

☐ Ministers are directly responsible for appointing more than 1,000 senior executives to run the reformed National Health Service (Michael Dynes writes).

By April, the Government plans to pass legislation abolishing the old regional health authorities and replacing them with the eight new regions: Northern and Yorkshire, West Midlands, South Thames, North Thames, South West, Oxford and East Anglia, North Western and Merseyside, and Trent. They will answer directly to the management executive, based in Leeds, which is responsible for implementing government health policy nationally.

Each of the eight regions will have a chairman, earning about £21,950, and a chief executive, earning up to £78,000, appointed by the Government. The regions will be responsible for the 100 or so district health authorities in England, whose chairmen and chief executives are also government appointments.

☐ More than two million patients had day-case surgery in hospital last year, the Government said yesterday. Tom Sackville, junior health minister, said that the figures were clear evidence that NHS reforms were working and that patients preferred treatment without the need for an overnight stay.

The number of in-patients treated went up by 2.3 per cent to 6.1 million in 1993-94, while day cases rose by 16.5 per cent to 2.1 million. "This is the first time the number of day cases has topped the two million mark, which is most encouraging," Mr Sackville said.

Since the health service reforms were introduced in 1991, the number of cases treated has risen by more than 400,000 each year. The trend continued in 1993-94 with the number of cases treated in all specialities exceeding 10 million, a rise of 4.7 per cent.

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Quango vetoes Labour council on opting out

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN EDUCATION quango exercised its power to make policy for the first time yesterday when it announced proposals to expand grant-maintained schools in a Labour-controlled London borough.

The Funding Agency for Schools, based in York, disclosed proposals to create an extra 1,200 secondary places in Hillingdon, west London, by expanding six grant-maintained schools. Labour councillors accused it last night of "consultation by diktat" after it rejected an alternative option of opening a new school.

The funding agency, established in April, is charged with financing more than 1,000 schools that have opted out of local authority control. It shares responsibility for planning the provision of school places with councillors in 46 authorities where more than 10 per cent of pupils are in grant-maintained schools, but it has taken full charge in Hillingdon because more than three quarters of pupils are in opt-out schools.



Benson: agency's final decision due next year

It has earmarked six Hillingdon secondaries for expansion within the next four years to meet forecast increases in pupil numbers. The agency, chaired by Sir Christopher Benson, plans to consult with head teachers, governors, parents and the local authority before reaching a final decision early in the new year.

David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said: "It's hard to see how an agency chaired by a prominent Tory supporter and based in York is better placed than elected councillors in Hillingdon to decide with local schools where the borough's education priorities should lie."

Peter Ryerson, Labour chairman of Hillingdon's education committee, attacked the agency's decision to reject the alternative of building of a new school. He said: "We are going to see several very large schools, possibly with more than 1,500 pupils. The danger is that, by expanding existing schools too far too fast, their original strengths will be diluted."

☐ David Blunkett launched a crusade for higher standards in state schools last night and tried to distance the Labour Party from the teaching unions. He said that mediocrity had been tolerated for too long in inner-city schools and pledged that such failings would be challenged. Mr Blunkett wrote in a national newspaper: "We cannot have a system which is run on behalf of any vested interest."



Robbie Coltrane as the psychologist in Granada's controversial series *Cracker*

Police criticise TV drama for Hillsborough episode

BY RICHARD DUCE

A TELEVISION drama which used the Hillsborough football disaster as the background for the stabbing to death of four people was criticised by police yesterday.

***Cracker*, the ITV series starring Robbie Coltrane, was the subject of a protest by Richard Wells, the South Yorkshire Chief Constable, who said the programme had raised distressing memories.**

He has written to Granada TV, after receiving a "flurry" of calls from police officers complaining the programme revived the distressing events of 1989 when 96 people died.

The three-part series was also criticised by the Lincoln coroner last week at the opening of an inquest into the death of a woman who had been stabbed. Essex police yesterday voiced concern that *Cracker* could have influenced a man alleged to have stabbed two men, one of them fatally, on Monday.

In the past the Broadcasting Standards Council has upheld four complaints about violent scenes. Two complaints have been received about the latest series. The drama centred on a character who attended Hillsborough with his father. After the disaster their relationship deteriorated. When his father dies five years later, he seeks retribution against the police and others.

In the letter to the producer, Paul Abbott, Mr Wells asked him to remember that in basing storylines on recent real-life incidents, programme-makers had to be sensitive to the effects on viewers.

A spokeswoman for Granada said last night the episodes had been screened for relatives and support groups before it was shown. They had is no way felt the subject to have been treated insensitively.



Broadcasting watchdogs have upheld several complaints about violent scenes in *Cracker*

Counties saved by pressure from shire Tories

BY IAN MURRAY
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE counties of Somerset and North Yorkshire, threatened with dismemberment by the Local Government Commission, have been saved by the Government after powerful lobbying led by backbench Tory MPs from the shires.

Both counties would have been carved up into all-purpose unitary authorities under proposals put forward by the commission last year. Yesterday, however, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, announced in a written answer that they were to be retained because of the number of opponents and the strength of their opposition to the idea of abolishing them.

Mr Gummer also announced he was to accept the commission's proposals for doing away with Avon and Humberside, dividing each of them into four unitary authorities.

Bristol is to become a separate county in its own right. York, with enlarged city boundaries, is to become a unitary authority which will remain part of North Yorkshire for ceremonial purposes.

Mr Gummer also confirmed the commission's view that local government in Lincolnshire should remain undisturbed, with the county and district councils sharing responsibilities in the existing two-tier system.

Mr Gummer's retreat from the Government's preferred unitary solution follows powerful local campaigns in which backbench MPs, including Tom King, the former defence and Northern Ireland minister, threatened to vote against the Government.

Yesterday's announcement means that nine new all-purpose authorities are to be established. Mr Gummer said these would enjoy an improved quality and co-ordination of services while the costs of change would be justified by savings.

The commission is to publish final recommendations for nine further counties today. After strong local opposition to establishing unitary councils in most of them, the commission is expected to support retention of the existing counties in all but two.

The successful campaign to save historic counties is in marked contrast to the way in which Avon, Humberside and Cleveland — created during the last big local government reorganisation in 1974 — are being abolished. Mr Gummer has demonstrated that public support for traditional counties is stronger than belief in the advantages of creating artificial new authorities.

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Animal transport talks collapse

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS to introduce a uniform limit on the length of time that livestock can spend travelling to slaughterhouses collapsed yesterday at a meeting of European Union farm ministers in Luxembourg.

Germany was prepared to support an eight-hour limit on travel to slaughterhouses, but Spain, Italy and Portugal insisted on being allowed to carry animals for 22 hours without a rest and refused to accept any limit at all on total journey times.

The breakdown dashed the hopes of British farmers that new Europe-wide measures might persuade cross-Channel ferry companies to resume animal shipments, which they suspended in late summer.

William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, said he was "disappointed but not surprised" by the failure to reach agreement, which he blamed on "intransigence" by some member states. He appealed to ferry companies to re-think their policy because of the damage it was doing to farmers.

Peter Davies, director-general of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said: "A golden opportunity has been missed. Millions of animals will continue to suffer long, unnecessary and stressful journeys as a result."

Southern member states, which are big livestock importers, fear that stricter transport rules would push up costs and reduce jobs in their abattoirs by forcing exporters to slaughter more animals at home and send them as carcasses.

Mr Waldegrave proposed a compromise of 15 hours after which animals would have to be rested, fed and watered. This would be roughly in line with existing legislation in Britain. Most other European countries now permit animals to be transported for 24 hours without a rest, and even that rule is regularly flouted.

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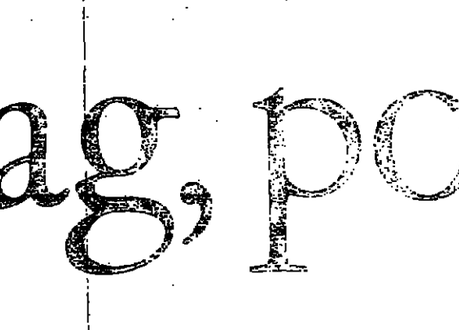
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Promotion of green fuel failed to make distinction between use with and without converter

MPs seek inquiry into dangers of super unleaded

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

URGENT research is needed into the use of unleaded petrol in cars not fitted with catalytic converters, a committee of MPs says.

The action is being urged by the Select Committee on Transport, which also wants super unleaded fuel to be banned because it contains hazardous chemicals.

Most cars in Britain are not fitted with converters and the MPs fear that running them on unleaded petrol instead of four-star causes more rather than less pollution. Their report on air pollution in London says: "Sales of unleaded petrol have been encouraged by aggressive promotion campaigns emphasising its 'green' credentials but without making the crucial distinction between its use with and without a converter. The result is a huge gap between public perception and reality."

Most drivers would be "shocked" to learn that polluting emissions from cars using unleaded fuel without a converter were actually higher than those using standard petrol. "We are sufficiently alarmed by this contention that we urge the Government to carry out an immediate investigation into whether unleaded petrol should continue to be used in cars not fitted with a catalytic converter," the report says.

The findings are part of a string of recommendations from the committee, which is chaired by Paul Channon, a former Secretary of State for *Transport. Other members* include Keith Hill, Labour MP for Streatham, and Gwyneth Dunwoody, Labour MP for Crewe and Nantwich.

Super unleaded contains up to 55 per cent aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene and accounts for 6 per cent of sales. Ordinary unleaded contains up to 33 per cent aromatic hydrocarbons. The chemicals were added to boost the octane rating when lead was removed because of evidence *linking lead with brain dam*age in children.

Mr Channon said yesterday: "If you have catalytic converters and unleaded petrol, this is the best technical approach. The trouble is people very often do not have catalysts fitted because they have only been compulsory on new cars since 1993."

The members are calling for the petroleum industry and the Government to introduce European Stage II proposals for vapour bags and filters on petrol pumps and in cars. These could cut exposure to cancer-causing fumes when people are filling up or sitting *in vehicles.*

Other measures proposed include boosting the number of air monitors in the capital, giving London boroughs the power to stop and fine polluting cars and requiring London Transport to specify emission standards for buses operated by sub-contractors. The Highway Code should be amended so that drivers waiting at the kerb switch off their engines.

The report says that fiscal measures should be consid*ered to encourage bus and* haulage companies to replace old, polluting diesel engines with newer, cleaner ones.

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MICHAEL POWELL



A driver fills up with super unleaded petrol in east London yesterday

ROAD TRANSPORT EMISSIONS IN LONDON

% of total emissions

	Carbon dioxide (as carbon)	Sulphur dioxide	Black smoke	Carbon monoxide	Nitrogen oxides	Volatile organic compounds
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Cars	56	32	11	87	68	52
Taxis	1	3	4	0	1	1
Light goods vehicles	18	12	8	8	10	6
Medium goods vehicles	11	25	36	2	9	20
Heavy goods vehicles	9	18	27	1	4	14
Busses	4	9	13	0	2	7
Total (thousand tonnes)	2,821	5,807	18,667	640,918	112,512	103,839

Source: London Energy Study

Britain in slow lane to cleaner emissions

BY TIM JONES

IT WILL probably be more than a decade before every car in Britain is fitted with a catalytic converter, in spite of tough laws designed to bring Europe into line with the United States.

Out of more than 22 million cars on Britain's road, only 4 million are fitted with converters, which became mandatory on all new petrol engined cars from January 1, 1993. Although there are some 18 million cars without them, it is estimated that unleaded petrol is used in about 12 million cars and accounts for 52 per cent of fuel sales.

According to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, sales of super-unleaded petrol are negligible, accounting for less than 6 per cent of petrol sales, as it is generally suitable only for high performance models.

While all new cars produced in Britain and Europe are now automatically equipped with catalytic converters and designed to run on unleaded fuel, a second, tougher stage of European Union legislation has been adopted for introduction in 1996. Britain hopes to introduce the new standards a year early.

PETROL GUIDE

Q: What is benzene?
A: Benzene is an aromatic hydrocarbon which is a known cancer-causing chemical.

Q: What makes petrols different?
A: Leaded petrol contains lead to boost its octane levels. Unleaded and super unleaded have added aromatics to do the same job.

Q: How much does it cost to convert a car to make it cleaner?
A: To convert a car to take a catalytic converter would cost between £300-£400 but not all models are suitable. All new petrol cars produced since January 1993 have them and must use unleaded petrol.

Q: Is a car that has been converted to take unleaded worse than one which was originally manufactured to take unleaded petrol?
A: A non-catalyst car which has been converted to run on unleaded petrol should give the same performance. It will produce less lead but more aromatic emissions. Carbon and other emissions should be the same.

Q: Is a leaded-petrol car now more environmentally friendly than a car that takes unleaded petrol?
A: The jury is still out on this. A car fitted with a catalytic converter is the best option.

Q: What is the difference between the benzene and lead risk?
A: The threat is different. Lead attacks the brain. Benzene causes cancer. Children are more vulnerable to both chemicals.

Q: Which cars need to use super unleaded?
A: 98 per cent of motorists do not need super unleaded, says the RAC. Only older, high-performance cars which have converted to unleaded fuel need the higher octane. These would include an E-Type Jaguar, a Ferrari Dino and an Aston Martin DB4 or 6.

Experts unsure whether benzene is worse than lead it replaced



Bottomley: promoted switch to unleaded petrol

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

BENZENE has been known to be a hazardous chemical for at least 20 years, but opinions differ sharply over whether the levels in the air from motor vehicles represent a serious health risk.

Dr Simon Wolff of University College Hospital in London believes that benzene causes childhood leukaemia, and that regional variations of the disease can be accounted for by differing levels of motor vehicle pollution. But Professor Anthony Seaton of the University of Aberdeen, who chairs the Government's independent expert panel on air quality standards, says that benzene levels in British air "present *an exceedingly small risk to health".*

The irony is that benzene and other aromatics were put into petrol to replace lead, itself the subject of fierce debate. A campaign was started in the early 1980s to remove lead. It was said to be a cumulative poison that could damage the health and intelligence of children, although the evidence was largely circumstantial.

Now Professor Roger Perry of Imperial College, London, says that it was a mistake to introduce unleaded petrol before catalytic converters were in wider use to remove benzene. "If I had the choice of being exposed to low levels of lead and very low levels of benzene, I would go for the lead every time," he said last year.

Benzene and the other aromatics, toluene and xylene, are added to petrol to make it burn more smoothly, preventing knock. Unleaded petrol needs more of these compounds, so the effect of the unleaded revolution has been to increase the amount discharged. Unleaded petrol generally contains between 3 and 4 per cent benzene, compared with 2.5 per cent in leaded fuel.

Benzene reaches the air through the exhaust pipe, and also by evaporation from fuel at the garage and in the fuel tank itself. Levels inside cars are often greater than those in the street.

Evidence that benzene can be a cause of leukaemia in industry has been recognised for many years. When unleaded petrol was introduced into America in 1973, the US Environmental Protection Agency was concerned that the effect would be to increase benzene levels.

This went unmentioned when in 1988 Virginia Bottomley, then a junior environment minister, launched the British Government's unleaded fuel campaign with the slogan: "Make Britain a healthier place for you and your children."

Most of the medical evidence against benzene comes from exposure in the workplace. A group of more than 1,100 workers exposed to high levels of benzene in a Goodyear plant for 25 years showed nine extra deaths from leukaemia.

The Department of the Environment's Expert Panel on Air Quality Standards concluded that the risks were not perceptible in workers exposed to less than 500 parts per billion of benzene in air. The annual average in London air is less than one hundredth of that, but people breathe it all the time.

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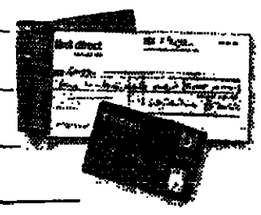
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Ministry favours new Westland over trusted Chinook

RAF may be forced to buy unwanted helicopter

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A CONTRACT for a new British helicopter for the RAF is expected to get the go-ahead, although senior figures in the air force want to buy off the shelf from the Americans.

A Ministry of Defence committee is due to make recommendations to ministers early next month on the purchase of the EH101 utility helicopter, built jointly by Westland in Yeovil, Somerset, and Agusta of Italy.

With 5,500 jobs at stake at Westland, sources at the company admit that their biggest problem is that "many in the RAF have set their mind against the EH101".

There have been claims, firmly rejected by Westland, that the rear ramp is too steep for vehicles and that the helicopter does not fully meet the RAF's requirements. There is also a reluctance to spend money on a new aircraft when the RAF is facing the huge costs involved in the four-nation Eurofighter, which has cost £12 billion in development alone.



The EH101: smaller payload than the Chinook

The helicopter contract, which could be worth up to £1 billion if 40 helicopters are bought, has pitched Westland against Boeing, its American rival, which is offering an updated version of the combat-proven Chinook, the option favoured by many in the air force.

Westland has put in bids for between 15 and 40 EH101 helicopters. Boeing has put in similar bids for an advanced Chinook. Both companies were under the impression that the MoD would purchase a mixed fleet, each winning a £500 million share of the contract. However, Mr Rifkind has now made clear that buying both types of helicopter is only one of the options. He said his decision would depend on the cost of the EH101 and on whether the helicopter met the requirements of the RAF, which already has a fleet of 32 Chinooks. Industry sources say the advanced Chinooks will cost about £16 million each and the EH101 will be marginally cheaper. However, the Chinook can carry a bigger payload — 10 tons, including 33 soldiers, compared to the EH101's 4½ tons and 24 soldiers.

□ Britain's strategic nuclear force is now reduced to two Polaris submarines, the smallest deterrent presence since the boats entered service in the 1960s.

After completing her last patrol *HMS Resolution*, one of four Polaris submarines, has been taken out of service, the Royal Navy said yesterday. *HMS Revenge* was the first submarine to be withdrawn and has been out of action for more than a year.

The first of the new Trident submarines, *HMS Vanguard*, is still carrying out trials before her inaugural patrol at the end of this year or the beginning of next.



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The rough-legged buzzard: unexpected influx bad news for Britain's rabbits

Hungry buzzards flock to Britain

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

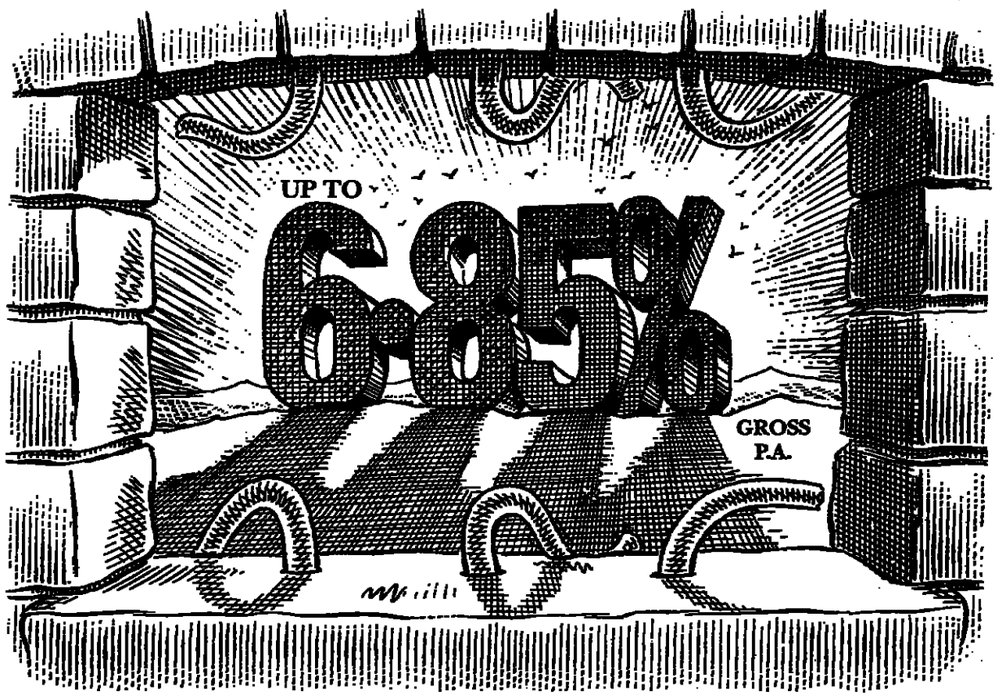
ROUGH-legged buzzards, rare migrants from the Arctic tundra, have invaded Britain in the biggest autumn influx for 20 years.

Ornithologists suspect that the spectacular birds of prey, with a wing span of up to 5ft, have been driven here by a dearth of lemmings, their main food, in northern Finland, Norway and Sweden. Britain's booming rabbit population could induce many of them to stay until next spring.

Richard Millington, of the Bird Information Service, said: "In the past week alone our bird-watchers have spotted 70 of the buzzards, mainly along the east coast all the way from the Shetland Islands to Kent. In most years you are lucky to see a dozen the entire winter."

Most of the birds have been sighted in Yorkshire, Humberside and East Anglia, with a few reported in the Midlands.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New ratings

The Professional Chess Association (PCA) has issued its new rating list, headed by Garry Kasparov. The top five ratings are: Garry Kasparov (Russia) 2813, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) 2758, Gata Kamsky (USA) 2741, Viswanathan Anand (India) 2738 and Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine) 2734. The top British players on the list are Nigel Short, Michael Adams, Julian Hodgson, John Nunn, Jon Speelman, Tony Miles, William Watson and David Norwood.

Davies leads

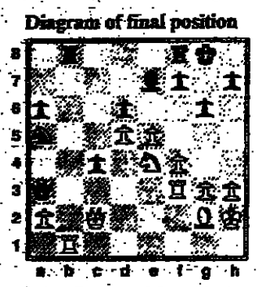
The grandmaster Nigel Davies leads the Owens Corning tournament at Wrexham, Clwyd, (the first grandmaster tournament held in Wales) with the fine score of 6 points out of 7.

White: Nigel Davies
Black: Francis Rayner
Owens Corning, Wrexham Maelor, 1994

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	c4	Bg7
4	g3	0-0
5	Bg2	c5
6	0-0	d6
7	b3	Nc6
8	Bb2	Bg4
9	d5	Na5
10	Nc3	e6
11	Nd2	Rb8
12	Qc2	b5
13	h3	Bd7
14	Rab1	bxc4
15	bxc4	Bh6
16	f4	e5
17	cxe6	Bxe6
18	Nd5	Bxd5
19	cxd5	Bg7
20	Kh2	c4
21	Bc3	Qc7
22	e4	Qc5
23	Bd6	Bd8
24	e5	Be7
25	Ne4	Qa3
26	Rf3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



In the final position Black's queen is trapped.

Richmond

Leading scores at Richmond after three rounds are: Rowson 2.5, Agnos and Hinks-Edwards 2.

Salov ahead

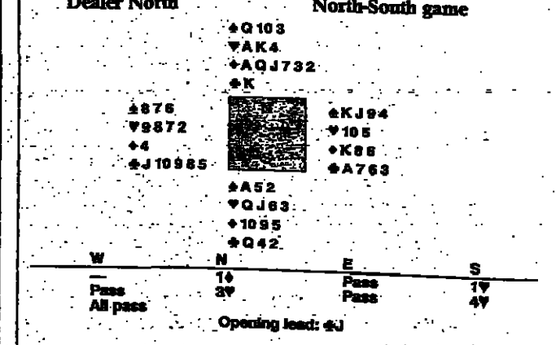
The Russian grandmaster Valery Salov has taken a firm grip on the lead in the Sicilian Defence thematic tournament in Buenos Aires. This is a competition in which all of the games must start with the Sicilian, namely 1e4 c5. In round 8, Salov defeated the Fide champion Anatoly Karpov for the second time in the event, thus maintaining a 1½ point lead over the Hungarian grandmaster Judit Polgar, who won against Gata Kamsky. Alexei Shirov defeat Vishy Anand and Vassily Ivanchuk overwhelmed the former Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic.

Salov has for some time been near the top of the world rankings, but many experts believe that he has been held back by a choice of tame and non-theoretical opening variations. When forced to play *va banque* he has evidently risen to the occasion.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer North — North-South game



Opening lead: ♣J

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

North had a tricky rebid on the second round of the auction. One Spade and Three Diamonds were possible alternatives. How should South play when East returns a club after winning the ace?

When I held the South hand I ruffed the club in dummy, keeping the queen as a stopper for later. When all followed to the ace and king of hearts I thought it was safe to come to hand with the ace of spades to draw trumps. As I could run the ten of diamonds to East, dummy's queen of spades could not be attacked.

This was sloppy thinking. I was forced to throw two diamonds from dummy on the queen and jack of hearts to keep queen and another spade. When East ducked the ten of diamonds, I continued diamonds and had to go down — if I ducked, East could win and return a diamond, and whichever hand I won in I still had to lose two spade tricks.

Best after ace and king of hearts is to lead a low diamond from dummy. Provided the diamonds are no worse than 3-1, the defence cannot do better than to take the king of diamonds and a diamond ruff. This type of play is a common theme when you have a long suit in dummy with no side entries.

Charities link youth crime with benefit loss

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

UNPRECEDENTED numbers of young people are being forced into crime, prostitution and drug dealing as a result of unco-ordinated and flimsy government policies and the failure of the Children Act, leading childcare agencies said yesterday.

A report by the Royal Philanthropic Society, backed by 40 agencies involved with the young, said that the situation was so desperate that a piecemeal approach was no longer acceptable. The report called on the Government to appoint a minister for youth services to supervise and co-ordinate policies.

"Young people are effectively falling through the net," said Graham Glazier, operational manager of the society, Britain's second oldest childcare charity. "There's a lot of contradictory policies that trap them. There should be a coherent government structure for young people."

Agencies are concerned that those forced to live away from home are excluded from further education because of restrictions that prevent most students from claiming income support and housing benefit. They also say that, since training allowances were frozen in the late 1980s, young people taking up training have been less well-off than those on income support.

Young people have been dealt four heavy blows, the report says: the loss of benefits, including income support; unemployment exacerbated by the recession; inadequate training provision; and an increase in family breakdown. "Young people who have no home, no job, no income, no training and little prospect of any of these are likely to be tempted into crime, prostitution and drug dealing."

Earl Russell, patron of the Trust for the Study of Adolescence, launched the report in the House of Lords. He said: "There are so many obstacles in the way of the transition from adolescence to adulthood that a lot of people fall off the ladder. By the age of 35 they are still not working. A lot of people can't afford to do anything except live on crime or starve."

Figures show that, in May this year, 76,000 16 and 17-year-olds were without work, full-time education or a place on a youth training scheme. About 12,000 young people apply each month for severe hardship payments, intended as a last resort.

Dr Howard Williamson, a social researcher at the University of Wales who backs the report, said: "If society abandons its responsibilities, how do we expect young people to hold on to theirs? All the research evidence suggests that the vast majority of young people have very ordinary aspirations and only want the prospects, support and resources to achieve them."

The report includes an "Agenda for Action", which recommends restoring cuts made in youth training budgets and ensuring training places for 16 and 17-year-olds; introducing an education allowance for those over 16; preparing teenagers for the realities of independent living; and increased funding of mental health services.



Earl Russell: launched report in the Lords



MICHAEL POWELL

John Smith's name lives on in new East End nursery

The widow of John Smith meeting some of the children who will benefit from a children's nursery named after the late Labour leader. Elizabeth Smith travelled from her home in Scotland to unveil a plaque yesterday at the opening of the John Smith Children's Centre in Tower Hamlets, east London. John Prescott, deputy Labour leader, who also attended the ceremony, said: "I'm sure John would have been overwhelmed to see this place in the East End of London built by a Labour authority. You couldn't have built anything better for John." The centre, in Stepney, was in the area where another Labour leader, Clement Attlee, worked to help the poor. Mr Prescott said. "I like to think John Smith would have been the Clement Attlee of the 90s. He saw the importance of the community." The £850,000 nursery will provide 25 full-time places for under-fives and employ 12 staff. Mr Prescott said the Labour Party headquarters in Walworth Road, south London, would be named after Mr Smith today. "He was straight, decent and honest and they were the qualities needed by the Labour Party."

Mariners' ancient linoleum must stay nailed to the floor

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A PIECE of old linoleum lies at the heart of a dispute between government conservationists and an historic mariners' organisation. The floor covering in question is in the banqueting hall of the Grade I listed Trinity House premises in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Despite royal patronage going back 500 years the mariners, or brethren as they call themselves, are short of cash and want to hire out their hall for public functions. However, plans to rip up the tattered brown lino as part of a major redecoration programme have been scotched by English Heritage, which claims it could be the oldest in the world.

"It is an integral part of the building's past," Andrew Saidi of English Heritage said. "Historic decoration is just as important as the bricks and mortar."

The brethren are not so sure. Commodore Alan Wilkinson said: "It really is in a bad state, worn through to the floor in some places. We wanted to replace it but found similar lino just wasn't made any more. It is apparently very special and we cannot do anything to it."

Trinity House has existed on Newcastle's quayside since 1492, looking after the welfare and safety of seafarers and providing lighthouses and navigational aids.

Commander Wilkinson and his colleagues have agreed to let sleeping lino lie. It will be covered with a carpet.

Two-vote plan for Scottish assembly

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A BLUEPRINT for a 112-member Scottish parliament, based in Edinburgh and with authority over most of the country's affairs, was unveiled yesterday by the Scottish Constitutional Commission.

Under the commission's proposals, Scots would each have two votes: one for a constituency member as they do in general elections now, and a second for the party of their choice. The latter vote would provide 40 politicians for the assembly, five from each of the eight Euro-constituencies.

The double voting system is designed to ensure that the new parliament more accurately reflects the votes of the people. MPs would be elected on a first-past-the-post basis with an element of proportional representation.

If the system were in operation now, Labour would have a 20-seat majority with 66 seats, the SNP and the Tories would each have 17 seats and the Liberal Democrats 12.

NEWS IN BRIEF

French to honour 1,500 more veterans

More than 1,500 D-Day veterans who could not attend the 50th anniversary commemorations in France will be honoured at a ceremony in Portsmouth on November 29. Rene Garrec, President of the Normandy regional government, will present medals to the veterans, many of whom were too ill or frail to travel to France this summer.

Children found

Children aged six, four and three who left Newcastle upon Tyne with their father during an access visit have been found in the Irish Republic. Their mother had feared that Jaime Cabezas-Santana, a health consultant, had taken them to his native Spain.

Actor wins bail

The actor Craig Charles, who is awaiting trial for alleged rape, was preparing to be released from Wandsworth prison yesterday after being granted bail by an Old Bailey judge. Mr Charles, 30, was expected to stay with relatives in Liverpool.

Fare maiden

A Bournemouth bus company is investigating complaints that a driver made a two-mile detour to prevent an attractive female passenger from getting wet, making other passengers on the number 20 from Prewell to Westbourne service late.

Island death

Clare Pengelly, a former British junior table tennis player, has been killed in a road crash in the Canary Islands. The 18-year-old, from Paignton, Devon, died when a pick-up truck driven by her boyfriend plunged 200ft off the road.

£1m award

A boy aged 12 was awarded £1 million compensation in the High Court for severe mental and physical injuries caused at birth. Redbridge Health Authority, north London, was ordered to pay Amit Neil Patel, of Southgate.

Police face cut in ancillary duties

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

WIDE-RANGING proposals to allow the police to spend less time on peripheral tasks such as traffic duty and handling stray dogs were outlined in a Home Office report published yesterday. Traffic wardens, local authorities, voluntary agencies and the private sector could all take on ancillary police tasks.

The interim report is likely to form the basis of recommendations to be sent to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, next year after a full review of police duties. Home Office figures show that there are 4,968 traffic wardens, employed at a cost of £57 million. "The fullest use of this resource is essential," the report says. Wider use of police cameras on the roads is also put forward as a way of making more effective use of police resources.

The report suggests there is a greater scope for the employment of people other than police officers in dealing with road obstructions, and more civilian involvement in investigating accidents and examining vehicles and tachographs. More civilians could be employed by the police to carry out licensing duties in relation to pubs and clubs.

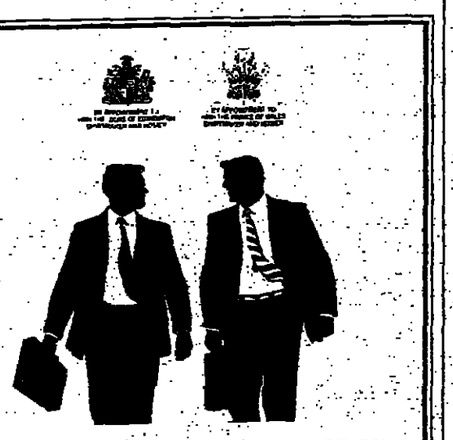
The report also suggests a reduced role for the police in dealing with noise nuisance, with a strengthening of the role of environmental health officers. Ministers have agreed to further studies on private or voluntary sector involvement.

Mr Howard set up the review of police duties in February, saying he wanted to free officers from non-essential tasks. His proposal led to police suspicion that it was intended to cut staff levels and transfer duties to the private sector. Chief constables publicly criticised the review, headed by Ingrid Posen of the Home Office, and said it could lead to the police being forced to withdraw from their social services role. The publication of the interim report is intended to assuage those fears by indicating that only the most peripheral duties could be affected.



Ingrid Posen: head of review team

John Hoddinott, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said yesterday: "We are concerned to maintain the public service we provide, because we feel that remains the best of British policing."



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Boy, 13, in court after shots fired

A BOY, aged 13 appeared in court in Taunton yesterday in connection with a shooting incident at a school.

The schoolboy is accused of being in possession of a double-barrelled shotgun with intent to endanger life after an incident at Dulverton Middle School in Somerset on Sunday.

He is also charged with burglary at the school and at Dulverton police station, where he was taken after the first incident. It is alleged that milk was taken from the school and a torch, jacket, truncheon and other items worth £100 taken from the police station.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was seated alongside three social workers for his 40-minute appearance before magistrates at Taunton Youth Court. He was remanded into local authority care to appear before the court again on November 1.

His court appearance came after police said that they were alerted early on Sunday afternoon that a shotgun had been fired as children were playing near the school. Armed officers were searching the area around the school when other shots were heard.

US jails Briton in arms case

A BRITISH man has been jailed for more than three years for trying to smuggle missiles from America to Iran. A Florida court sentenced Paul Murphy, 42, to 37 months in prison after he admitted conspiring to violate the US Arms Export Control Act.

Murphy, from Peterborough, who has a 12-year-old daughter in Britain, tried to buy 54 Stinger surface-to-air missiles and 12 missile launchers. Federal customs agents arrested him and Iranian Jamshid Shafil, 41, at Orlando International Airport as they plotted to take the missiles out of America disguised as commercial ice-makers.

Agents began trailing the two men after becoming suspicious about their movements. They tracked them across two continents, then posed as arms dealers to carry out the airport arrest.

The Home Office yesterday confirmed the 37-month sentence on Murphy. His former wife Shirley, mother to his child Michelle, said: "It should have been longer. I've got my life now and I am very happy without him. Michelle has never been happier either."

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Faces of outback hitch-hike victims 'covered with cloth'

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

NEW evidence indicating a ritualistic-style killing was outlined yesterday in an Australian court, where Ivan Milat, who is accused of murdering seven hitch-hikers, is facing committal proceedings.

The court was told how Caroline Clarke, from Northumberland, and Joanne Walters, from Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, both 22, met their deaths. Campbelltown court, near Sydney, heard how Miss Clarke's fully clothed body was found with both arms extending upwards and a maroon cloth over her head.

The cloth was peppered with small holes, a reference to the first day's evidence to the effect that she had been shot ten times in the back of the head. Questioned by Ian Lloyd, QC, the Crown prosecutor, Senior Constable Andrew Grosse said that the body was found lying face down, covered with sticks and under a tree trunk.

Miss Walters' face was also covered with a coloured cloth and her right arm was pointing upwards. There were also wounds to her back. The court was told that there was evidence that her clothing had been disturbed.

During the hearing police witnesses recalled the discovery of four more bodies during a search of the Belanglo state forest in the New South Wales Southern Highlands in October and November last year.

Senior Constable Stephen Inglese told how he discovered a pair of women's black briefs near where the body of Deborah Everist, an Australian hitch-hiker, was found.

Later a money belt, rope, electrical insulating tape and leather straps were discovered close to the site where the headless body of Anja Habschied, 20, a German hitch-hiker, and the remains of Gabor Neugebauer, 21, her boyfriend, had been dumped. Constable Mark Klig said the items could have formed part of a noose or handcuffs.

Earlier Michael Prior, the presiding magistrate, abandoned a plan to take Mr Milat to the scene of the crime so that the court could better appreciate the evidence and the geography involved.

He ruled that television coverage of the visit to the Belanglo state forest, where all seven bodies were found, could prejudice the defendant's chances of a fair hearing.

He said: "An accused person attracting obvious interest and perhaps even notoriety would be at the mercy of the court if he were to be placed at the so-called 'scene of the crime' and then captured on film. Any accused person is entitled to look to the court as an impartial adjudicator and to act with fairness."

After the ruling Cate Holmes, Mr Milat's lawyer, said that her client would be happy not to join a visit to the forest if that allowed the court's visit to go ahead. The magistrate is expected to rule on that today.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Jilted British woman accused of trying to murder scientist

FROM MIKE MUNRO IN WELLINGTON

A JILTED British woman tried to murder one of the world's top scientists with poison after he left her for another woman, a New Zealand court was told yesterday.

Victoria Lesley Calder, 45, has been accused of trying to murder Professor David Lloyd, 57, a population biologist, in December 1992. She is also accused of giving him poison to cause him grievous bodily harm.

Mrs Calder appeared in the Christchurch District Court yesterday at the opening of a deposition hearing. In 1992, after a six-year relationship, Professor Lloyd left Mrs Calder, a microbiologist at the Canterbury School of Medicine, for another woman. In December that year the professor was taken to hospital suffering from what was thought to be food poisoning. Before lapsing into a four-month coma, he told doctors he suspected he might have been poisoned deliberately.

Forensic tests in Britain suggested Professor Lloyd had been given acrylamide monomer, which can cause nerve damage and affect sight, limb movements and breathing. The professor regained consciousness in April 1993 and, although mentally alert, he is blind and partly paralysed.

Yesterday Mark Zarifeh, for the prosecution, said that the poison that Professor Lloyd had ingested could have been easily slipped into a drink, and that Mrs Calder had regular access to poisons in her work.

The deposition hearing is expected to last until Friday, when it will be adjourned to November 14. Mrs Calder has been released on $NZ150,000 (£55,214) bail.

Husband 'hid wife's murder for years'

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A NEW ZEALAND airman wove an elaborate web of deceit to cover up the murder of his English wife 12 years ago, a jury in the Auckland High Court was told yesterday.

After strangling Yvonne Bennett, 24, her jealous husband, Keith, created a false trail to throw police off the scent. Mr Bennett even left a note addressed to his wife, which read: "Yvonne, please stop hurting me. I love you very much. Please try to sort your feelings out. I know what mine are." In a postscript he added: "Please put the venison in the freezer on Thursday. Thanks."

Paul Davison, for the prosecution, said that Mr Bennett had gone to extraordinary lengths to conceal his wife's murder. As part of the charade he had attempted to make telephone calls back to his house, knowing all the time that his wife was dead and buried.

Mr Bennett told police that he last saw his wife on April 19, 1982. He went to bed, leaving her baking cakes. The prosecution claims that to back up his story that Yvonne was baking when he last saw her, Mr Bennett strategically left cakes which were later found in the house.

Mr Bennett, 36, formerly a helicopter crewman, denies murdering his wife but has admitted her manslaughter. She disappeared apparently without trace from her home at the Hobsonville airbase, north of Auckland.

Though her body was not discovered for 12 years, detectives believed they were dealing with a case of murder. Mr Bennett was finally arrested last November after he admitted to a woman friend that he had killed Yvonne. He told her that he had dumped the body at sea, whereas in reality he had buried her in the Woodhill forest north of Auckland.

In February, Mr Bennett showed police roughly where his wife's body lay. In his statement to police he said that he had unintentionally killed his wife during an argument about her wanting to leave him.

He panicked and decided to bury her in the forest. He said he returned three months later, fearing the grave was too shallow, dug up her decomposing body and reburied her in a deeper grave. Mr Davison labelled Mr Bennett's actions as "a ghastly exercise".

He told the jury that Mr Bennett was a possessive man with a jealous nature who could not accept his wife's desire for a separation. "The Crown says that there are a number of carefully calculated acts of planned deception, not the actions of a man who panicked."

The only explanation for his conduct, said Mr Davison, was that Mr Bennett "harboured ill-will" towards his wife because she wanted a separation.

After Yvonne's disappearance, her heart-broken parents, Alan and Patricia Landers, left New Zealand to return to live in Sherbourn in Dorset. Today they are expected to give evidence about their daughter's life with Mr Bennett.



Yvonne Bennett, 24, whose husband is accused of strangling her 12 years ago

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three face death penalty

Johannesburg: Three young blacks were found guilty by a Cape Town regional court of the murder of the American Fulbright Scholar Amy Biehl in August last year. The three will be sentenced in the next few days and the verdict carries a possible death penalty.

Judge Gerald Friedman said the three, Vusumzi Ntamo, 23, Mzikhona Nofemela, 23, and Mongezi Manquina, 24, clubbed and stabbed Miss Biehl.

Switching sides

New York: The Republican Mayor of New York, Rudolph Giuliani, endorsed the Democratic Governor, Mario Cuomo, in his bid for re-election while attacking the Republican challenger as a man with few ideas of his own.

Base overrun

Phnom Penh: Cambodian troops overran a key Khmer Rouge base at southern Vine Mountain but there was no sign of the three Western hostages previously held there, a senior army commander said. *(Reuter)*

Plague plea

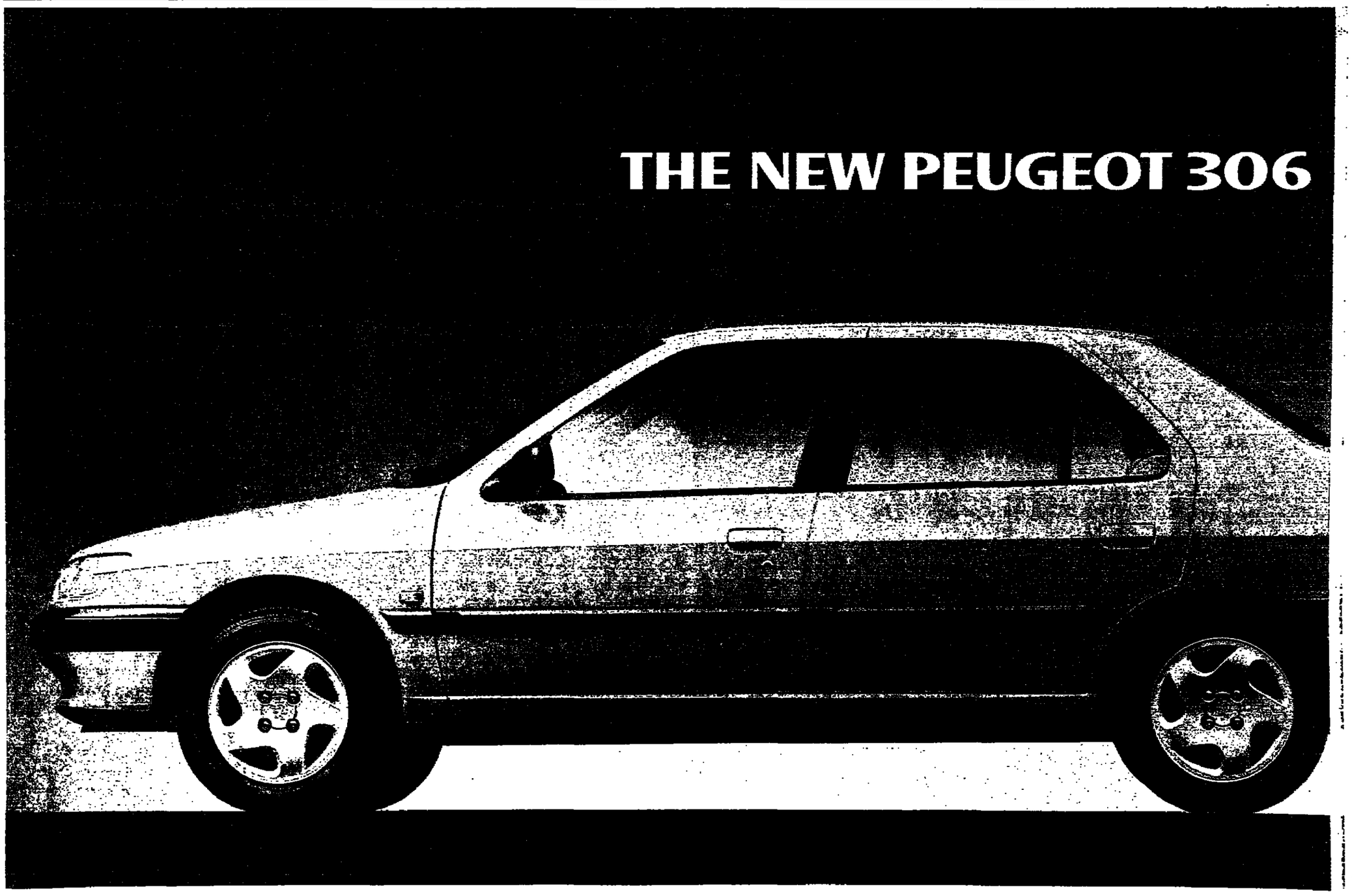
Delhi: The World Health Organisation asked countries that suspended air and shipping links with India after a plague outbreak to restore the services, saying the disease was now under control. *(Reuter)*

Snake charms

Amsterdam: The nation's premier department store decided that a shop window bulging with £2million-worth of trinkets was not enough to get shoppers' attention, so it added four rattlesnakes. *(AP)*

'Monster' find

Moscow: The remains of a 40ft sea creature resembling a dinosaur and covered with fur or feathers washed up on the coast of northern Russia at Cape Nemetski, between the Barents Sea and Gulf of Motovka. *(AP)*



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China shuts door on debate over Hong Kong laws

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA has said that it alone will determine the laws in Hong Kong after 1997, making virtually useless years of talks with Britain over how to adapt roughly 1,600 pieces of legislation to the Basic Law, China's mini-constitution for Hong Kong after the change in sovereignty.

Guo Fengmin, the outgoing ambassador to the British-Chinese Joint Liaison Group, said here: "This is an entirely internal matter . . . It can be solved by the Chinese side on its own".

With less than 1,000 days to go before July 1, 1997, China is increasingly expressing little or no interest in negotiating over a number of matters which it regards as matters of sovereignty. This lies behind the collapse last December of the 17 rounds of negotiations on constitutional reforms by Chris Patten, the Governor.

Mr Patten said yesterday that the colony's businessmen and investors will "sign their contracts elsewhere" unless China can explain "gaps in the law after 1997". However, an experienced official described this prediction as absurd and said that "businessmen will just go along to the Chinese, as they do already, and get assurances not to worry".

For at least two years Britain and China have been wrangling over how to make existing Hong Kong legislation compatible with Chinese laws or compose new ones. Anthony Galsworthy, London's former top negotiator, said that at the present rate adaption of the laws could take a century.

It emerged yesterday, however, that for some time China's position has been that negotiation on the post-1997 laws is impossible because it conflicts with its sovereignty. The British have frequently given a warning that, unless the laws were adapted soon and through agreement, there would be a legal vacuum after July 1, 1997.

Mr Guo accused Britain of "deliberately creating a frightening picture . . . of creating a big fuss about a so-called legal vacuum".

The ambassador said "with the help of the people of Hong Kong" China's legal experts could deal with the matter. Mr Guo said that Britain's uncooperative attitude and breaking of treaties had ruined the notion of a smooth transition.

A senior British official said of the Chinese statement: "It's what they always do. They wait a long time and suddenly they put forward their own view in public as if it's the only reasonable view. I guess this is how it's going to be from now until 1997 on most issues. Their line is that we've broken past agreements and that they're taking control."



Patten: says gaps in law will scare off investors

Mass execution: China executed 44 people in the southern province of Guangdong yesterday for crimes including drug dealing, murder, armed robbery, gambling and prostitution, Hong Kong television reported. The prisoners included a man from Macau who last year tried to smuggle hand grenades from China into the Portuguese-run territory. When customs officers tried to stop him, he threw the grenades and five people were injured. *(Reuter)*

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Mendi Msimang in London in 1990 with Archbishop Trevor Huddleston celebrating Nelson Mandela's release

ANC 'poacher' to get gamekeeper's job

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE man who once organised demonstrations outside what was then the South African Embassy in Trafalgar Square is set to take charge of the building.

The appointment of Mendi Msimang, the former African National Congress representative in London, as South Africa's next High Commissioner to Britain (the embassy became a high commission when South Africa rejoined the Commonwealth) is expected to be announced in the next few weeks, according to Foreign Ministry sources.

Mr Msimang, now the ANC's Chief Whip in the South African National Assembly, will replace Kent Durr, the present incumbent, in April when the latter's four-year term comes to an end. Mr Msimang has spent more than 30 years in exile, the past eight as his party's "ambassador" to London and Dublin.

His experience is expected to stand him in good stead, although British investors are believed to have reacted nervously, largely because of the excellent rapport they have established with the present High Commissioner. Mr Durr, whose relations with his staff have not always been cordial, was appointed to the post by F.W. De Klerk in 1991. He was formerly Minister for Trade, Industry and Tourism in Mr De Klerk's Cabinet. He is profoundly fond of Britain, with a fondness for shooting in the Highlands.

Renamo doubts kindle war fear

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN
SOUTHERN AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THE election campaign in *Mozambique is now officially* over, and six million voters will go to the polls tomorrow and the next day to elect the first democratic government in the country's history.

After 16 years of civil war, there is a hunger for peace. In a country impoverished by war banditry thrives but ricefields lie fallow. The crowds at election rallies all want to hear messages of peace. Their banners declare "We want peace," and "The people are tired of war". The crowds respond most enthusiastically when President Chissano, the Frelimo leader, urges them to vote for peace.

Yesterday the fears of war were stoked again as the former rebel Renamo movement said conditions had not yet been met for free and fair polls. A Renamo statement did not threaten a boycott, but expressed concern over "irregularities" which put the election at risk. These included instructions by Jose Muchine, director-general of the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration, to polling stations to accept voter registration cards even if not completely in order.

Another complaint alleged an excessive number of voter registration cards had been printed, on the basis of an estimated 8.3 million voters. Only 6.4 million people actually registered to vote in the joint presidential and parliamentary elections.

anxious that the Mozambique poll should not end in the same way as last year's Angolan election, which was disowned by the rebel Unita,heads of the Southern African Frontline States group met in Harare to try to ensure that the country does not slide back into violence.

Senior government officials confirmed that Afonso Dhlakama, the Renamo leader, had arrived in Harare last night for talks with President Mugabe of Zimbabwe.

Angolans wary of hope in peace deal

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LUANDA

BELEAGUERED Angolans and international observers remain sceptical about news last week of a peace accord. The bloodshed continues and there is talk of fresh military offensives.

Yesterday Unita said it had killed more than 60 government troops at Cacumba in the northern province of Uige, which has been in the hands of the rebel movement for nearly two years.

The agreement thrashed out in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, is a re-hash of the 1991 accord which took Angola through 18 months of relative peace to elections in 1992. That treaty was scuppered after Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, rejected defeat in United Nations-organised elections accusing President dos Santos of election fraud and went back to the bush. Unita quickly overran 80 per cent of the country because government troops had started to demobilise.

Diplomats monitoring the latest round of talks insist there are fewer loopholes his time. However the mood of optimism in Lusaka belies the actions of the generals. Few doubt that the treaty will be signed, probably before the end of November, but the conviction and motives of the leaders are highly questionable. Mr dos Santos is under great international pressure to strike a deal and many believe Mr Savimbi has agreed to sign only to give his embattled forces breathing space.

Widow picked to fight election

FROM VUITHA YAPA IN COLOMBO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE widow of the murdered Sri Lankan Opposition leader, Gamini Dissanayake, was picked by his United National Party yesterday to run in presidential elections in two weeks.

Dissanayake was among 52 people killed by a suspected Tamil rebel suicide bomber at a campaign rally on Sunday. Party sources said his widow Srima, a lawyer, was picked to win the sympathy vote at the November 9 presidential poll. "She is our only hope of winning," a senior party official said.

Members of parliament of the United National Party yesterday elected Ranil Wickremasinghe, the former Prime Minister, as their parliamentary leader to replace Mr Dissanayake. He will automatically be the new leader of the Opposition in Sri Lanka's parliament.

The bombing has been a setback to peace moves with the Tamil militants initiated by the Prime Minister, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga. A delegation which was to leave on Monday for talks in Jaffna with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam was told to postpone its trip indefinitely.

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Security tightened after Hamas threat to Clinton's visit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER AT ARABA CROSSING ON THE ISRAEL-JORDAN BORDER

ISRAEL'S chief of police yesterday issued a warning about a planned terrorist attack by Islamic extremists as today's ceremony inaugurating peace between Israel and Jordan, and President Clinton's 17-hour visit to Jerusalem, turned into a security nightmare.

"They intend to carry out an attack and we are taking all the steps to prevent them from being successful," Assaf Hefetz, the Police Commissioner, said as red-painted slogans appeared on walls in the newly autonomous Gaza Strip claiming that the military wing of Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement) planned a "deadly strike".

At this border site where the ceremony will take place in front of nearly 5,000 VIPs, guests will be ordered to remain on the newly asphalted section of the impromptu stadium. Officials said that the desert sand contained 100,000 unexploded anti-personnel mines planted during the 46 years Israel and Jordan have been in a theoretical state of war.

Six thousand extra policemen have been assigned to Jerusalem alone. A senior Israeli police official disclosed that President Clinton had spurned advice from his Secret Service to cancel an after-dark walkabout shortly before midnight tomorrow in the narrow, paved alleyways of Jerusalem's Old City, Arab territory annexed by Israel after the 1967 war.

The Clinton tour, illuminated by searchlight, will take in the Wailing Wall, the holiest site for Jews, the Temple Mount, which contains Al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, reputed site of Christ's tomb where the President will be greeted by Franciscan, Greek Orthodox and Armenian priests.

As darkness fell last night, Israeli speedboats equipped with searchlights patrolled the waters of the Gulf of Eilat off beaches situated just two and a half miles from the border site where the signing will take place. A spotter plane circled overhead.

Israeli police sources said that the Israeli security services were concerned that their American counterparts might be too trigger-happy. The Americans have been warned that there will be armed Israeli agents in civilian clothes in the President's vicinity and that they should not open fire without Israeli authorisation.

The security dragnet has upset guests summarily removed from the five-star King David Hotel, which will be given over entirely to the American party. Bombed by Jewish extremists when it housed part of the British administration of mandatory Palestine in the 1940s, it once again resembles a veritable stone fortress.

All roads designated for use by the 100-vehicle Clinton motorcade — which, as a precaution, will include Israel's top trauma surgeons — will be barred to all traffic 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after it has passed. Any parked car will be towed away without question to a large sports stadium set aside for the purpose. "If this is the result of peace," grumbled one Jewish taxi driver, "I think I prefer war."

Officials seek divine help

Wadi Araba: Israelis and Jordanians sought heavenly help yesterday when a sandstorm interrupted the dress rehearsal for their treaty signing today on the Israeli-Jordanian border. They huddled in a beduin tent, worried about winds toppling chairs for 5,000 spectators and damaging the site.

One Israeli said to a Jordanian: "Can you talk to God, to tell him to stop this?"

"I think you should call God, because you're the Chosen People," the Jordanian replied. *(Reuter)*



Paula Jones during her tearful press conference in Washington yesterday

Paula Jones seeks to give 'proof' in harassment claim

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A TEARFUL Paula Jones, the woman suing President Clinton for sexual harassment, held up a sealed envelope yesterday that she said contained a sworn affidavit describing "distinguishing characteristics" of his genital area.

"I have the proof and I want to be heard," she told a Washington press conference between sobs. Her two lawyers said they hoped to file the envelope under seal with the court so that if the alleged characteristics became common knowledge later they would be able to prove that she had itemised them beforehand.

Mrs Jones sued Mr Clinton last May for damages of $700,000 (£430,000), claiming that he exposed himself and sought oral sex after summoning her to a hotel room in Little Rock while he was still Governor of Arkansas in 1991. Yesterday she said she did not want to hurt or embarrass the President, but was seeking an apology from him to restore her reputation.

Negotiations over an apology broke down, however, leaving her no choice but to press her case, she said. Any money left over after her expenses would be given to charity, although she did not rule out trying to profit from her account later on.

Gilbert Davis and Joseph Cammarata, the lawyers, denied any political motivation in holding the press conference two weeks before the mid-term elections in which struggling Democrats are distancing themselves from the President. Their purpose, the pair said, was to explain their submission to the court in reply to Mr Clinton's claim that he should enjoy immunity as President and the case must wait until he leaves the White House.

Accusing Mr Clinton of trying to put himself above the law, they described Mrs Jones's efforts in exalted if not hyperbolic terms. "This is a defining moment in our history," Mr Davis said. "All Americans, now and for ever, will owe a debt of gratitude to Paula Jones. We will know finally, and for ever, that we are all equal before the law. This will be her legacy."

☐ Claims denied: Allegations of sexual harassment and drug use by Senator Edward Kennedy were unanimously dismissed as groundless by the Senate ethics committee. The charges were levelled in a book last year by Richard Burke, a disgruntled former Kennedy staff member.

The committee said that, contrary to Mr Burke's statements, there were no complaints from women claiming sexual harassment by Mr Kennedy. The finding is a boost for the Democratic senator in his hopes for re-election in Massachusetts where, after a slow start, he is increasing his lead in the polls over Mitt Romney, a Republican newcomer.

President starts 'dream of peace' mission

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CAIRO

PRESIDENT Clinton landed amid massive security in Cairo early today at the start of a whirlwind Middle East tour that he labelled "a mission inspired by a dream of peace".

In a gesture laden with symbolism, his motorcade was to stop on its way in from the airport so that the President could, in the small hours of the morning, pay homage at the tomb of Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian leader assassinated in 1981 after he had signed the first peace treaty between an Arab state and Israel two years earlier.

Later today Mr Clinton will fly to a desert site straddling the Israeli-Jordanian border to witness Jordan's King Husain and Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, sign the second such treaty.

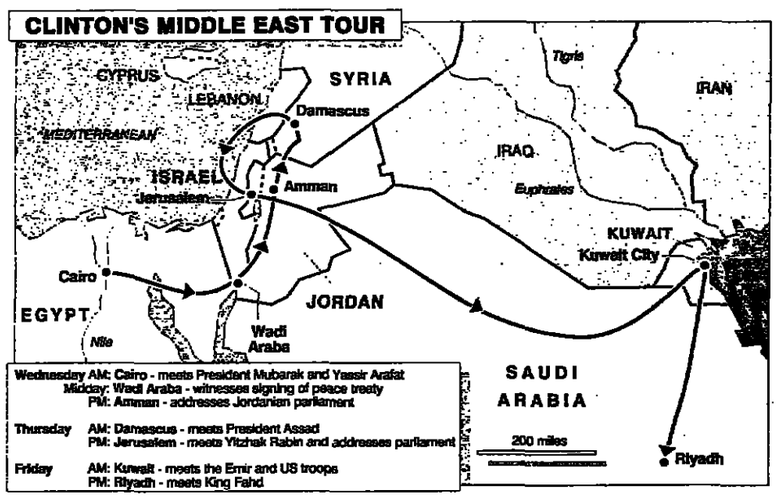
Mr Clinton's six-nation Middle East tour, which will include Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, will be the most extensive by any American President since Richard Nixon's in 1974. As he left the White House yesterday, Mr Clinton said his goal was to show the world that America "stands by" the courageous champions of Middle East peace and would "stand up to those who threaten to destroy the dream of peace that has brought us to this historic moment". Condemning recent terrorist attacks by the militant Palestinian group Hamas, Mr Clinton said the Middle East stood at a crossroads, facing in one direction "the dark past of violence, terrorism and insecurity that desperate enemies of peace seek to prolong", and in the other "a brighter future that Israel and all her Arab neighbours can achieve if they join together".

After a few hours' sleep Mr Clinton will this morning meet President Mubarak of Egypt and Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, at Cairo's Cuba Palace. American officials said Mr Clinton would press Mr Arafat to crack down on Hamas in those areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip now under Palestinian control. Tomorrow Mr Clinton visits Syria, a sponsor of terrorism whose peace talks with Israel are stalled and without whom a comprehensive Middle East peace is impossible. Mr Clinton said he would "make clear that the time has arrived for all parties to follow the brave and hopeful inspiration of Jordan and Israel".

The other unstated goal of Mr Clinton's trip, of course, is to boost his stature at home before the November 8 mid-term congressional elections. He is scheduled to appear at a joint press conference with Mr Mubarak after this morning's meeting, but not with Mr Arafat, who remains a deeply suspect figure to most Americans.

From Cairo, Mr Clinton will fly to the Jordanian town of Aqaba on the Israeli border for the signing ceremony, which appears to have been timed so it can be broadcast live on American breakfast television.

After the ceremony Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary, will have lunch with King Husain and Mr Rabin at the royal palace in Aqaba, fly to Amman to address the Jordanian parliament, then dine with King Husain tonight.



Rabin hails treaty with Jordanians

Jerusalem: Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, hailed the treaty with Jordan yesterday as a turning point for Israel, but Yassir Arafat criticised it for boosting Jordan's role in disputed Jerusalem (Ben Lynfield writes).

Hardline factions ranging from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine to Hamas (Islamic Resistance Movement) also denounced the treaty, to be signed today by Mr Rabin and King Husain of Jordan in President Clinton's presence.

Holding out the promise of warm relations with Amman, Mr Rabin told the Knesset that the treaty offered proof that Israel was gaining growing acceptance among its Arab neighbours.

However, Mr Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, said that Jerusalem belonged to Palestinians not to Jordan, despite provisions in the treaty giving Amman a role in Muslim holy sites in the city.

☐ Rome: The Vatican established official relations with the PLO yesterday (Philip Willan writes). The PLO will have an office at the Holy See, which in turn will be represented by the nuncio in Tunis.

Syria stop brings risk of false hope

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PRESIDENT Clinton's visit to Syria, the first by a serving American President for 20 years, is the riskiest part of his Middle East visit. Without assurance from President Assad that he is ready for a breakthrough in the stalled peace talks with Israel, Mr Clinton may raise false hopes of quick progress.

Syria yesterday expressed disappointment that the President was not first visiting Israel, so that he could bring an Israeli acceptance of "peace requirements".

Progress in Syrian-Israeli talks has been glacial. Damascus insists that Israel must agree to withdraw from all the Golan Heights before normal relations can be discussed; Israel says it wants to know what kind of peace Syria is prepared to offer.

Recent American shuttle diplomacy, in an attempt to break the logjam, has made the Israeli withdrawal offer more explicit, though achieved in stages; Syria has in return indicated that it might be prepared, under certain conditions, to accept a phased withdrawal.

Mr Clinton will now try to build on the gradual narrowing of differences achieved by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, but the President must offer guarantees, such as American troops to enforce a demilitarised Golan, that would overcome opposition in Israel to a rapid withdrawal and reassure Syria that full sovereignty will be restored.

Mr Assad is under pressure to agree to a new formula on Golan having lost the military backing of the former Soviet Union and with clear Arab impatience to settle with Israel.

Syria has begun preparing for a change, with a toning down of media comment on Israel, the decision to allow Jews to emigrate, and the recent granting of an interview to Israeli television by Farouk al-Sharaa, the Foreign Minister.

Mr Clinton, who met Mr Assad for lengthy talks in Geneva in January, believes he can speed things up. It is a gamble that sceptics in the region believe will fail.

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Poet hunts down American academe's serial plagiarist

BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

FOR years a phantom plagiarist has stalked the quiet groves of American poetry, successfully submitting the work of other authors to poetry magazines and prompting one of the most bizarre investigations in the history of literature.

Between 1990 and last winter, 59 poems by "David Sumner" appeared in 36 American poetry journals, many of which turned out to be previously published works retitled and slightly altered.

From the contributor's notes submitted with the plagiarised poems, Sumner appeared to be a British citizen, born in Belfast, who had lived in England until the age of 11 and held a master's degree.

For nearly two years the literary larceny passed unnoticed and the elusive Sumner, of Aloha, Oregon, was beginning to make a small but significant name in poetry circles. In January 1992, however, Neal Bowers, a poet and academic at Iowa State University, discovered that his poem "Tenth-Year Elegy" had reappeared as Sumner's work in the *Mankato Poetry Review* called "Someone Forgotten".

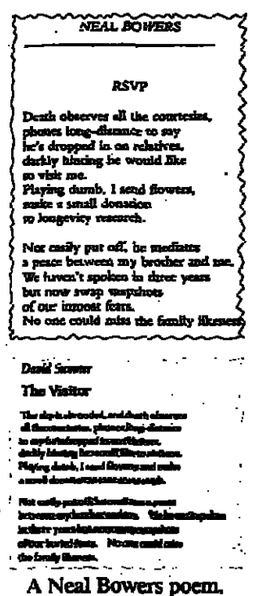
Mr Bowers began to investigate and found that Sumner had ranged far and wide, building up his *oeuvre* by working through America's 4,000 small poetry magazines. The file on Sumner grew to 60 pages and Mr Bower found that two of his poems had appeared in 13 journals, while the plagiarist, who sometimes used the name "Diane Compton", also allegedly appropriated the work of at least three other poets.

"The two poems he stole are very autobiographical and that is a very creepy thing," Mr Bowers told *The New York Times*. "It is a very uneasy feeling, like having a stalker." With the help of a lawyer and a private investigator, Mr Bowers tracked down the serial plagiarist, exposed by William Grimes of *The New York Times* yesterday as David S. Jones, 40, a former primary school teacher from Oregon.

Faced with the evidence, Mr Jones initially argued, according to yesterday's report, that the plagiarisms were "accidental". Then he grew apologetic, sending money to Mr Bowers and penitent letters. "I am sorry for all that I have done against you," he wrote. "An artist like you ... should never have to come in contact with such ugliness as me."

Earlier this year, as suddenly as he had first appeared, Mr Jones, alias Sumner, vanished, though Mr Bowers fears the phantom may still be operating under another nom de plume, helping himself to the odes of others. What can have motivated this spree? Certainly not avarice, because most poetry magazines pay their contributors little, if anything. Perhaps he wanted to see his false name in print, or wished to pay a twisted compliment to his favourite contemporary poets.

Lord Macaulay might have had the best explanation: "Perhaps no person can be a poet, or even enjoy poetry, without a certain unsoundness of mind."



NEAL BOWERS

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Death observes all the courtesies,
phones long-distance to say
he's dropped in on relatives,
darkly hinting he would like
to visit me.
Playing dumb, I send flowers,
make a small donation
to longevity research.

Not easily put off, he mediates
a peace between my brother and me.
We haven't spoken in three years
but now swap snapshots
of our inmost fears.
No one could miss the family likeness.

David Sumner

The Visitor

A Neal Bowers poem, top, and the plagiarist's version, as reproduced in *The New York Times*

Move to exhume Lincoln assassin

BY BEN MACINTYRE

THE grave of John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington in 1865, may soon be opened to test claims that the body is that of another, innocent man.

Historians have long speculated that the man trapped and killed by troops at a tobacco farm in Virginia 12 days after the murder was not Booth and that the assassin escaped unharmed. On Monday, historians and 22 descendants of the Booth family asked a Baltimore court that the body should be dug up and examined by forensic scientists from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum of Health and Medicine.

Booth broke his leg when he jumped onto the stage at Ford's Theatre after shooting Lincoln in the presidential box. The assassin's leg was set by a doctor in Maryland while he was on the run, and forensic scientists say that his skeleton would still show some signs of the injury more than a century later.

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Oil spillage endangers tundra in Russian Arctic

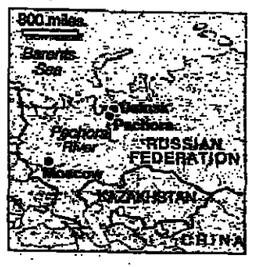
FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

OIL gushing from a broken pipeline in a remote region of the Russian Arctic has threatened to cause an ecological disaster on the scale of the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska in 1989.

According to Greenpeace Russia, about 280,000 barrels of crude has swept over 68 square kilometers of pristine Arctic wilderness, covering rivers and tundra in a thick black layer of oil and threatening the area's fragile ecological system.

"The area affected is about the same size as St Petersburg," Elena Sorovikina, of Greenpeace, said. She added that the spillage occurred near the town of Usinsk, just below the Arctic Circle, in the Komi region.

A section of the pipeline had apparently been leaking for the past eight months. Instead of closing and repairing the line, the operators, the Komineft joint-stock oil company, simply built a dam to collect the spilt crude. On October 1, however, the dam burst during heavy rains,



spreading the oil over a wide area, polluting the Kolva and Usa rivers, and prompting the authorities to declare an emergency. Clean-up teams did succeed in collecting some of the oil, but they suspended work last week after heavy snowfalls.

Central authorities in Moscow said last night that specialists were being sent back to the area, apparently shamed into action after the American Department of Energy drew attention to the size of the spill. William White, the Deputy Energy Secretary, said that American officials had contacted Moscow and a private American oil concern operating in the area to "help to remedy the situation".

The Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations confirmed that there had been a small leak in the pipeline which had deteriorated after rains at the beginning of the month. A spokesman also confirmed that two tributaries that flow into the Pechora river had been polluted by the spillage. However, he insisted that the pipeline was now repaired.

"There is no new leak. Oil is not leaking. This is an old story dating from October 1," the spokesman insisted. "It was a big accident. But there is no question of oil leaking into the Barents Sea."

It is believed that the situation is stable since winter has now set in, but the oil threatens to disperse again after the spring thaw.

Greenpeace said it hoped that the leakage would draw attention to the enormous environmental damage being inflicted on remote regions of Russia, where huge oil fields and harsh working conditions have led many companies to cut corners on environmental and safety regulations.

The group said that there were 45,000 miles of crude oil pipelines in Russia, most of them in Siberia. The country is estimated to have reserves worth 200 billion barrels of oil. Of that, the industry expects to lose at least 1 per cent in spillages.

Earlier this year a commission from the Russian Academy of Science, which visited the main oil regions, recommended a 25-year moratorium on drilling for crude because of the environmental damage being caused.

Dr Paul Johnston, an expert on oil pollution at the University of Exeter, said that the damage to the tundra would take decades to overcome, because of the short growth season in the Arctic region. "This pipeline had been leaking since February, but instead of shutting it off and repairing it, they continued pumping," he said.

Rose must go, say Bosnian parties

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL EVANS IN LONDON

SARAJEVO political parties are calling on Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose to be removed from his post as commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia, saying that he has favoured the Serbs and is executing British, not UN, policy.

A front-page article in yesterday's edition of Sarajevo's daily newspaper, *Oslobodjenje*, printed a statement agreed by the Bosnian parliament's eight parties.

The article comes at a time when UN field staff are losing confidence in General Rose's leadership. A decision by the UN to ask Britain to nominate the next chief of UN forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina will remain unchanged, despite increasing antipathy among Bosnian politicians towards General Rose. After the Bosnian parliament statement, UN sources said the "noise" from the Bosnians would have no impact on the way his successor was selected. The sources said that General Rose would complete his one-year tour of duty, due to end in January, and he would be replaced by Major General Rupert Smith, assistant Chief of the Defence Staff in London.

Under the headline, "Rose Should Go", the *Oslobodjenje* statement gave a list of grievances directed at the British general. The former SAS commander has come under unprecedented criticism from the Bosnian government, from non-British UN officers and officials as well as from Western diplomats.

Much of the criticism comes more from the disparity between the rhetoric and the deeds of Western countries than from General Rose's own decisions. However, he has garnered more ill feeling than his two predecessors or any other senior UN commander in Bosnia. United Nations insiders said several incidents supported the contention in yesterday's statement, that General Rose goes harder on the Bosnian government than on the Serbs.

A Western diplomat said: "You would have to have blinkers on not to see the inconsistencies [in Sir Michael's treatment of the two sides]."

Nine hurt in tram attack

AUTOMATIC weapon fire raked a tram in Sarajevo late yesterday, wounding nine civilians. Earlier, a 14-year-old boy was shot in the head and critically injured in a Serb-held part of the Dobrinje suburb. The shot apparently came from government forces defending the capital.

The tram attack near the Bridge of Brotherhood and Unity, apparently by Serb forces, wounded mostly children. Bosnian Serb gunners have often fired at Sarajevo's trams since they resumed service in the spring after the Nato ultimatum that brought calm to the city.



Thousands of tulips on display yesterday inside the 15th-century New Church in Amsterdam. Their appearance was part of "The Tulip and Art" exhibition to show how the flower has developed from an exotic bloom to a folk art motif

Kohl gets a mixed economic blessing

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, in the middle of a hard bargaining session to form a new government, was yesterday boosted by an authoritative report predicting a better-than-expected 3 per cent growth in the German economy next year.

The report, compiled by Germany's six leading economic institutes, the so-called Wise Men, may yet prove to be a mixed blessing for the Chancellor. Not only does it predict a slight improvement in unemployment — which will stay above 9 per cent of the workforce at about 3.6 million — it also reckons that domestic demand will stay flat.

A 3 per cent growth rate (against 2.5 per cent projected by the government earlier this year) is based on the assumption that wage settlements will increase by only a fraction over this year's low 2 per cent deals.

The fact is nobody can quite agree on the policy implications of Germany's long-awaited economic recovery. One of the most important contributors to the findings, the Berlin-based German Institute for Economic Research, broke from the consensus view of the report and argued that Germany needed tax increases rather than reductions. It also pleaded for reduced social welfare contributions, drastic public spending cuts and lower interest rates.

Balladur starts new spate of party bickering

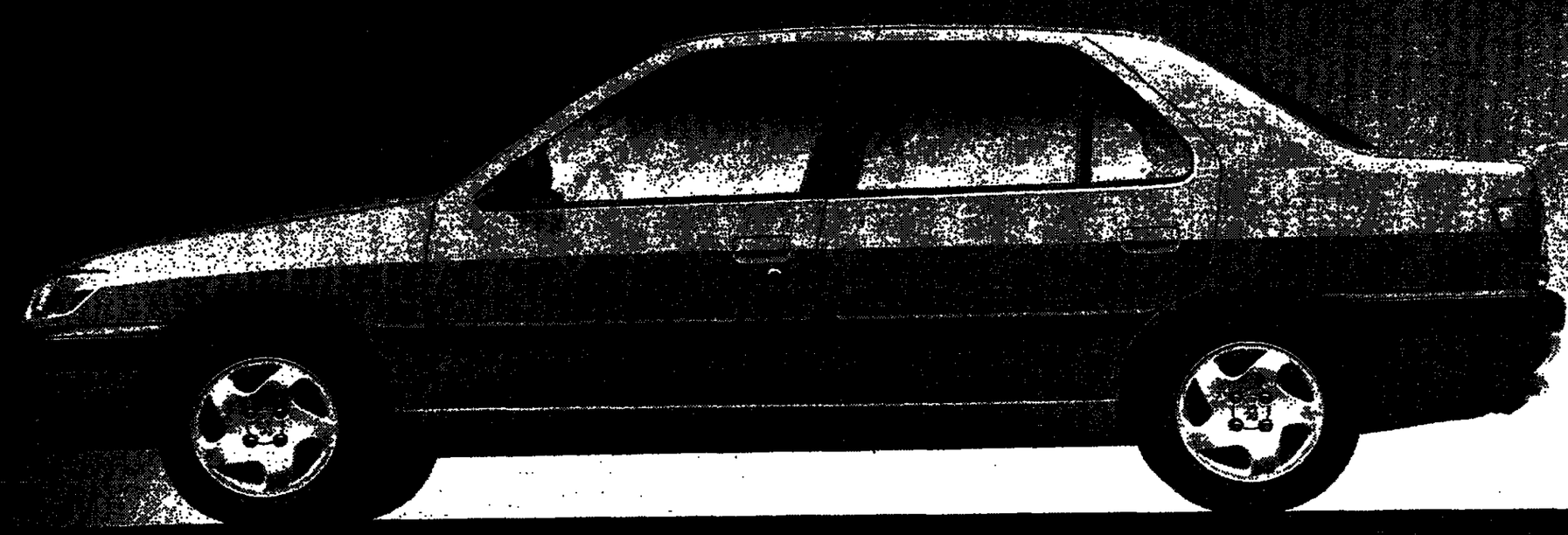
FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AS THE ailing President Mitterrand notches up his 78th birthday today, he can draw consolation from bickering among the governing Gaullists that has darkened the cloud hanging over the party's presidential chances.

A gaffe by the normally cautious Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, has exposed the presidential rivalry which pits him against his "dear friend" Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader. "Jacques," M Balladur said, "has for a long time taken refuge in his party as if it were a citadel. Is this really the spirit of the Fifth Republic?" Though hardly vitriol, *la petite phrase assassine* delivered in a newspaper interview was M Balladur's first public swipe at the mentor who sent him to run the government last year on the understanding that he would not seek the presidency for himself. His gaffe was just what the Chirac camp, which dominates the parliamentary party, needed to proclaim their shock at his "ingratitude".

Many Gaullists are worried that the dog-fight will last until the April polls, opening the door of the Elysée Palace to Jacques Delors, who is likely to be the candidate of M Mitterrand's old Socialist party. M Chirac yesterday called for "an end at all cost to the vain polemics and pointless quarrels" afflicting the party. "We must stress the need for unity, dignity and responsibility."

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Sue Lloyd-Roberts on the link between transplants and executions in China

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A former police commander says Chinese prisons tailor the execution to the organ demand: if kidneys are needed, the prisoner is shot in the head; if corneas, he is shot in the heart

Killed for their kidneys

It is relatively easy to buy a human kidney in China today. Armed with dollars and the medical details of a fictitious sick relative, I arrived unannounced at Hospital Number 1 in Chengdu one morning and had completed the formalities by midday.

The Director of Urology, Professor Yang, could not have been more obliging when I explained that my uncle had been on dialysis for several months in America waiting for a kidney. He said that he could probably match my uncle's organ within a month. He had studied in America and sympathised with my family's plight. "I know that in the West there are too many problems," he said, "and, even if a kidney becomes available, the medical procedure takes too long. Here, we are real close to the source of kidneys and we can usually get it all done within ten hours and with no fuss."

All that was left was to discuss dates and money with Comrade Wu, the chief party official at the hospital and head of the Department of Foreign Affairs. It would cost $30,000. She regretted that they did not take credit cards but preferred cash. When I asked her whether there was any truth in the rumour that the kidney would come from an executed prisoner, she got quite agitated. "I cannot talk about this. Let's just say that we can do things in this country that would be impossible in yours. I suggest you keep out of this. It could get too complicated for you."

Patients recovering from their transplant operations at Wuhan City Hospital in Hubei Province were less reticent. "Of course my kidney came from an executed prisoner," said Li, smiling broadly and looking healthy just 48 hours after his operation. "The doctors told us it is because they are fresher that way. They shoot young prisoners, aged between 18 and 25, at a site just an hour's drive from the city. Four prisoners were shot at 11am, and eight of us received new kidneys by 2pm."

Chinese doctors who have since fled the People's Republic say that 90 per cent of kidney transplants performed in China involve the use of prisoners' organs. There is no system of voluntary organ donors in China and tradition demands that a body should be buried intact. They say about 2,000 kidney transplants are carried out evey year in China today and the number is growing. That is about the same number of judicial executions reported by Amnesty International for 1993, a number that has increased considerably over the previous year.

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It would not be fanciful to suggest that the two sets of figures are growing in tandem. Robin Munro, the author of the Asia Watch report on "Organ Procurement and Judicial Execution in China", published earlier this year, points out that this lucrative market in human organs hardly creates an incentive for the authorities to abolish capital punishment or to reduce the scope of its application. Asia Watch reports that 35 per cent of the 200 criminal offences in China currently carry the death penalty.

In a leafy south London suburb, Gao Peiqui, former Deputy Police Commander of Shengzheng city, who is seeking political asylum in Britain, says that Amnesty's figures are too low. He claims there are more than 2,000 provincial centres in China with prisons, where several hundred executions take place a year. He believes at least 10,000 executions a year are carried out for crimes ranging from murder and rape to embezzlement, car theft and political dissent.

The Chinese government admits that the organs of executed prisoners are used for transplant in "rare instances" and only "with the prisoner's or the prisoner's family's consent". Mr Gao disagrees. "In the ten years that I worked for the Public Security Bureau, I never saw or heard anything to suggest that death-row prisoners were asked for their consent before donating organs. Nor was the family asked. In fact, the family is usually held under house arrest while the execution takes place, until they are allowed to come and retrieve the ashes."

The former police commander adds gruesome detail on the execution procedure, in particular how it is tailored to the organ business. If the doctors need the kidneys, then the prisoner is shot in the head to preserve the vital organs. If they need the corneas, he is shot in the heart. If the need is particularly urgent, then he may not be shot at all.

One Chinese doctor now living in the West tells how he and three other doctors were driven to a prison one night and ordered to take both kidneys from four anaesthetised prisoners. His only explanation for this form of vivisection is to suggest that "the kidneys had to be fresh because they were needed for high-ranking party officials. They [the kidneys] were taken away by military helicopter. Without both kidneys, a person dies in 24 hours. I was told that the prisoners would be executed the next day."

It is not far-fetched to conclude that prisoners facing the death sentence are shot to order. It is routine for prisoners on death row to give blood tests in China. Professor Yang told me that once I had given him details of my "uncle's" blood type, he would be able to accommodate him at the hospital "within weeks" and provide a "living kidney". Another potential customer was told by Li Huisheng, an employee of the Number 7 People's Hospital in Zhengzhou, that "from the legal point of view, once a prisoner is shot, he is no longer a human being. He is just a thing. Don't tell anyone that the organ comes from executed prisoners. This is a state secret."

But the secret is out and has galvanised the Ethics Committee of the International Transplant Society. Its chairman, Ronald Guttmann of the Queen Victoria Hospital in Montreal, is calling on those in the transplant business outside China to boycott doctors and hospitals involved inside China. "I don't think that doctors should be associated with death chambers. You cannot dissociate a post-execution process from the execution process itself." He points out that it is hard enough for doctors in countries who carry out transplants in an ethical manner to persuade people to carry donor cards, without the Chinese doing so much to discredit the process.

Before I left Hospital Number 1 in Chengdu, I was shown around the new hospital wing that has been built to accommodate the hundreds of patients from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Europe, but mainly America who arrive in China in search of new organs. At $30,000 an operation, a fortune by Chinese standards, the temptation to keep China's death rows filled is huge.

I did not return to Chengdu to claim my kidney. I left speculating on how for decades the people of China have been the victims of one of the most ruthless penal systems in the world. Now that system has made them victims of the marketplace too.

● *Sue Lloyd-Roberts's film report on the organ transplant business in China will be shown on* Newsnight, *BBC2, tomorrow.*

PROBING THE BODY TRADE



Harry Wu: back to China

SUE Lloyd-Roberts travelled to China with Harry Wu, author of *Bitter Winds* (about slave labour he discovered during his time imprisoned in China's gulag) to investigate the sale of transplant organs. Posing as a wealthy American in need of a kidney for a relative, Wu was told by a member of staff at one hospital: "We make arrangements for them [the executioners] to shoot at the head, so the prisoners die quickly and the survival rate of the organs is much higher. We drive the surgical van directly to the execution site... we buy the whole body... then they are cremated. What the family gets is an urn of ashes."

Am I becoming Maxwellish?

We owe it to our partners to warn them when they start showing signs of becoming a monster



LIBBY PURVES

THERE was a moving little scene in our house the other day. "Promise me," said my husband, from behind *The Sunday Times*, "that if I start getting like Robert Maxwell, you will stop me." He need not worry: if anyone is turning into Maxwell round here, it is me.

But in the days to come, as we are fed the contents of Mrs Elizabeth Maxwell's memoirs, there will be hundreds of poor chaps feeling guilty by association — much as they did in the early days of publicity campaigns about rape. There is something uniquely awful in the idea of a domestic tyrant, and dreadful fascination in a devoted wife's account of one.

We are learning — from a woman who actually loved the old swine — about the Maxwell tempers, the terrible cowed family meals; about his intolerance of any opinion but his own; his cold, calculated canings of the children. We hear about the patronising letter he wrote his wife as a birthday treat, listing the ways in which she had lately "improved" (she says meekly that it showed he cared).

And above all, we marvel at the way this intelligent woman stood by, making excuses to herself, while his selfish tyranny cast a shadow over the family and the world. It took me a while to work out what it reminded me of, but the Headington Hall connection made the penny drop. I turned to Chaucer, and the *Clerke of Oxenford's Tale*. Patient Griselda: that's who Mrs Maxwell was.

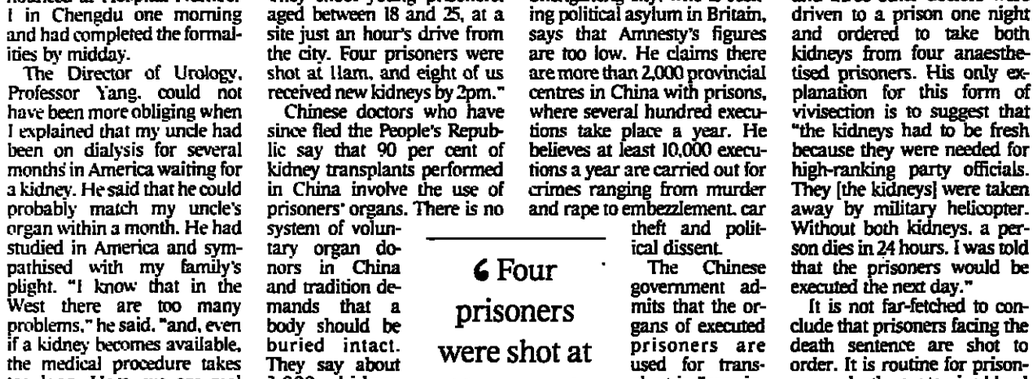
Remember her? Chaucer took the story from Petrarch. It tells of a lord who takes a wife from a poor man's cottage and makes her promise never to grudge his authority, but to assent to everything he does "As me best thynketh". Just like Maxwell. She promises. So, to test her, he sends a guard to confiscate and apparently kill her first-born baby; whereon, "as a lamb she sitteth meke and stille" and only requests to kiss the child one last time, and that it should be buried so the birds don't tear it up. He does it again with the second; and she says: "My Lord, do as you will with your own property." Then he throws her out of the palace in her smock, pretending to summon a new young wife (who is, of course, her long-hidden daughter).

Griselda, "this flour of wyfly pacience", goes home and never shows by word or face any offence. He orders her, dressed in rags, to make beds for his new wedding. Finally he gives up the assay, saying "This is ynogh. Griselde myn" and raising her up. And she does not punch him on the nose. She swoons with loving gratitude.

Well, Chaucer knew, six hundred years ago, that this would not do. The Clerk, no doubt fearing a swipe round the ear from the Wife of Bath, hastily explains that it is all just a parable for accepting the will of God, and urges his listeners not to try this one at home. Chaucer goes further, in the coda: he positively calls on wives to "Ler no humility nail down your tongue!", and says that women, "for the commune profit" must be as strong as the camel or the tiger of India. "For though thine housbonde armed be in maille, the arwes of thy crabbed eloquence shall perce his brest." Griselda and her imitators do nobody any favours. They are copping out.

Mrs Maxwell did. She says she "bent over backwards to avoid rows," and I think I blame her for it. My husband's instinct was right, in thinking that any symptoms in him were up to me to spot. One of the duties of marriage, surely, is to prevent one's spouse of either sex from becoming a monster. It is a serious moral responsibility: as the closest soul to your partner, you are best placed to exercise persuasion, threats, strike action or desertion. For, as Chaucer said, the common good: for yourself, your children, and the world.

It is a duty women often neglect: witness the frequent horrible cases of those who stand by men who attack their children. Patient Griselda was rumbled six hundred years ago, but she lurks in the female psyche still. And the urge for a quiet life can also affect men. So I have instructed my husband to keep an eye on me, too.



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LEFT: Black long line, crepe jacket, £255, Irene Van Ryb, Whistles, 11 St Christopher's Place, W1. Black crepe dress, £95, Whistles, as above. Pale lilac cotton shirt, £119, Ally Capellino, 43 Beak Street, W1. White fishnet tights, £3.99, Jonathan Aston, major department stores nationwide







TOP RIGHT: Black, wool twill buttoned jacket, £403, Sonnentag Mulligan, to order A la Mode, 36 Hans Crescent, SW1. Black smock dress, £170, Sonnentag Mulligan, Joseph, 77 Fulham Road, SW3. Tights, £11.99, Wolford, major department stores nationwide

RIGHT: Charcoal pinstripe collarless jacket; matching mini skirt, to order, Rifat Ozbek (071-408 0625), or from a selection at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge

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Fashion

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A year ago, fashion was in a state of flux; the designers' dreams and the desires of the women they dressed were at odds. Just what *was* a grown woman supposed to wear when the designers, the retailers and, of course, the fashion editors were talking in terms of "*youthquake*", and "*grunge*". American *Vogue* referred to it in a recent editorial as the year "confusion reigned".

Anna Wintour, the editor of American *Vogue*, came to fame when she took the helm at British *Vogue*, putting power-suits, short skirts, and high-gloss on to its pages. At first, this appeared shockingly new *but, as we know, it has since* become the armour-like uniform of professional women the world over — the same women who were exasperated by the long, trailing hemlines, floaty layers and punky street-cred accessories — chunky boots, unkempt hairstyles, nude faces and nose-rings — which Ms. Wintour herself applauded on the pages of American *Vogue* at the beginning of 1993. And yet, throughout it all, Ms. Wintour adamantly stuck with her signature look: the neat bob, the neatly honed, invariably short suits and dresses, and the high heels. Her only concession to the hemline debate: trousers.

But, hey, what a turnabout. Bored with the rag, tag and bobtail look of waifdom, designers are cleaning up their act. They are offering a style of dressing where ladylike accessories — handbags, heels, gloves, and hats — are all the rage, and hours at the beauty salon are a must.

Thankfully, gone are the days when grown women had to raid their teenage daughters' wardrobes in their attempt to be fashionable. Now even the young are enamoured by this new conservative style of dressing. They are enjoying the thrill of looking neatly polished and sensibly besuited. They want to dress like grown-ups.

Central to this new look is the understated suit, and the return of the little dress. The kind of ensemble dressing that was made famous by Jacqueline Kennedy (before she added Onassis to her name), Grace Kelly and Tippi Hedren. A smart, sleek silhouette with the added dimension of structure. Even the shoulder pad — which has, over the last few years, been treated with disdain by the fashion cognoscenti — is creeping back into jackets, and adding to the dynamic outline.

Thankfully this look does not replicate the hard, square-edged suits synonymous with the 1980s. Silhouettes may be defined, but are resolutely curvy, emphasising the new obsession with womanliness. In 1994 it should be possible to work in a man's world, yet still enjoy dressing like a woman.

Hence the revival of the dress. Sleeveless shifts, which can be worn over crisp white shirts or fine turtleneck sweaters, are cut with an A-line flute to the hem. Short-sleeved shift dresses tastefully follow the line of the body. The kind of dress which can be worn from the office to the cocktail party just by adding some jewellery here or there. They are short, simple and the epitome of refined glamour.

Hemlines look best above the knee — wear them very short if your legs are good enough — although several designers feature asymmetric handkerchief hems which skirt the issue. Jackets are softly tailored, longer and more streamlined. They fall around the hemline of the dress. Waists are accentuated and shoulders defined.

This season designers are having to admit that they got it wrong and, having listened to the pleas of their clientele, are offering a grown-up glamour which is wearable, workable and, more importantly, easy. Whatever your age.

HOTLINE

● HIGH street fashion from 1950 to 1980 came under the hammer yesterday at Christie's. Biba, and Westwood's Sex and Seditionaries pieces, were most sought after, a Westwood jumper sold for £550. Street style is the subject of an exhibition at London's Victoria & Albert Museum, opening on November 16.

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Alan Coren



■ I might have known that computers would soon be doing the honours

So, then, it is hats off to Professor David Barron of Southampton University! Not to say mortarboards, though his own students will not be doing this personally, of course, they will be doing it only after they have poked the MacCeremony program into their desktops and tapped the appropriate keys so that, many miles distant, their huzzahs, backslaps and Latin encomia can appear on Prof Barron's screen and bring a lump to the pedagogic throat, even while it negotiates its morning Kellogg.

For the great educator has just pulled off a double first which, in his own words, "means that the students do not have to come and meet in a lecture theatre, and the teacher does not have to spend time standing up and talking". What does? Southampton's new BSc course in Information Engineering, is what: for it is the first in Britain to be conducted via computer link-ups on the Internet. Henceforth, instead of creeping like snails unwillingly to campus, undergraduates will sit at home in front of their PCs and download lectures and essay assignments alike: they will even be able to attend electronic seminars where members of the group will log on simultaneously in order to hold on-line discussions.

Now, old codgers among you will doubtless react to this wonderful breakthrough by gnashing a denture and moaning that there is more to education than study, *i.e.*, a university is not a university unless you can climb up it with a chamberpot, but you manifest in this only your own lack of knowledge: for the electronic superhighway extends exponentially with each passing day, and as it runs, cities of dreaming terminals spring up shimmering on either side, and there is absolutely nothing that tomorrow's students will not be able to do in them. Should they, to press your question, wish to relax after a long day's keying by sticking a po on a spire, they will have only to select MacPissed and in less than a nanosecond the screen will offer them anything from Tom Tower to the Eiger, with, at its foot, Sonic the Student poised to stagger to its summit: in return, moreover, for points which may subsequently be converted into either course credits (if, say, they are minoring in Physical Education), or air-miles (if, say, they have purchased their PCs on their American Express cards).

Ah, you codge, but they will not have a Boat Race Night on which to do it, will they? You clearly know nothing about Internet: its wondrous interactive boons would allow eight strapping holograms from the University of Amstrad to fight it out with their Macintosh College rivals, up the grey-green greasy Limpopo, down the Swanee, or wherever else the electronic fancy took them, while their nationwide supporters leapt up and down in snug bedrooms safe from towpath sleet, waving their scarves, hollering themselves hoarse, and, in the dandier cases, bouncing their dear old teddies Aloysius on their kimonoed knees.

And, yes, all this may sound a trifle Oxbridgist, but why not? The superhighway rolls over such superannuated distinctions; the discrete homebased undergraduate may cobble together whatever environment he chooses, and it surely cannot be long, now, before Homebase itself responds to the new market need for hardboard panelling, stonette fireplaces, and stick-on mullions beyond which back-projection offers rolling Cam or Isis according to choice; or indeed, for those with less archaic tastes, a vista across some glinting science park from a bedsit mock-eyrie lined with post-modernist glassbrick.

Ah, but will there be long evenings of furious contention and helpless laughter, political bicker and literary consort, *ad hoc* string quartet and hip-hop band, chess and five-card stud? Think not, and you betray just how little you know of the Internet culture: you clearly have scant inkling of how, even today, notation can speak unto notation, still less of the imminent bits at which tomorrow impatiently champs. As for sex, which so often pitilessly eluded yesterstudent, the interdating modem has transformed the superhighway into an electronic Reeperbahn.

Truly, the professor has laid out a university prospectus to rejoice in! It wants for nothing but the resonant tag to which such masterplans are always entitled. If it were up to me, I should call it the Barron Future.

Radio 4 listeners have voted Alan Coren the wittiest person in Britain.

Former Cabinet minister **John Patten** offers a way forward to meet the Asian economic challenge

Time to end Tory the rift over Europe

These days, it's dangerous to mention the E-word in Conservative Party circles for fear of thunderbolts from the great ones above or Mills bombs from those in the trenches, to left and right. Despite this, I have decided to live dangerously. No one doubts where I stand. We are just about to embark on the long run-up to the inter-governmental conferences in 1996, and that will be turbulent territory. But I am as much concerned with the Europe of, let's say, 2010 (fifteen years being about the furthest ahead that politicians can decently have visions). This practice means lifting an eye from detail and going out into the wider world.

Eastwards is the direction to look. By 2001, let alone 2010, the countries of the Far East will be a bigger market than either the European Union as extended to 16 or the North American Free Trade Area (Nafta). Go to Malaysia or Singapore — admirable places with admirable economies — and you will find GDP growing 8 per cent this year. Thailand's 60 million people are going the same way. And of course greater China, including Hong Kong soon, will be joining in. Foreign investment pours in, with countries like Taiwan shooting up the league tables of international competitiveness.

But surely all this economic geography is a matter for the financial pages? No. We are now up against people using the latest technology because it is cheaper than current technologies, using cellular phones before they know what a fixed line is. This is the economic context in which the reform of Europe must be seen. These people have encouraged foreign investment, been fiscally responsible, saved much of their income and kept their inflation low. Above all else, they have worked very hard, respect learning, and have exceptionally competitive education systems.

The people of these killer economies are highly productive, making quality products, but at very low rates of pay. So for starters, Europe needs to ask itself not detailed, unhealthily self-obsessed and sometimes plain irrelevant questions about our internal mechanisms, but the big strategic question of how we can avoid being overwhelmed by the economic power of the Asian countries.

This is not think-tank futurology. It is simple reality. We now have the highest labour costs on earth. We have the shortest working hours, the longest holidays and the best benefits anywhere. We also have more than 25 million unemployed people and the number is rising in most countries of Europe, though happily not here. Internal arguments about harmonisation of this or that over the next 20 or 30 years should be seen in world terms as an economic — if not a political — mouse compared to the competitive eastern lions over the horizon. They are bent on not allowing themselves to be put into a harmonisation arm-lock, the likes of which Michael Portillo was battling against recently.

Part of the European culture is over-centralised and inward-looking, reflecting the preoccupations of post-war Europe, yearning for peace by integration. Needless to say, the Labour and the Liberal parties are entirely at home in this dated but cosy milieu. But the world has moved on from the dirigiste dreams of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, and Europe needs to do the same. Britain has often taken a lead, despite the bad European press it gets, and the Government has worked marvels to get the single market working. The next challenge for Tories, not only in 1996 but in the decades beyond, is to wake Europe up.

We may, within Europe, have to continue to develop our own local *Ostpolitik*, as the Bulgarians and the Slovakians are given the chance to come on board. In the Far East, however, ideas like single currencies are not in fashion, any more than harmonised social arrangements. At home, the British people are happy to see us keep control of our economic destiny. Most of the electorate does not want the country to cede control over interest rates, taxation or the currency. Just as all sensible business people want us to be "in Europe", I can find no one in the City or in industry who wants a single currency.

The assumption that a single currency is somehow historically inevitable is just plain daft. The economically illiterate Tony Blair has swallowed this, and promises a referendum. But the reality is that the single currency is more of a political than an economic construct, born of the laudable instinct to "bind Europe together". It already seems a tired approach. What appears right to a man shaped by Chancellor Kohl's formative experiences — coming as he does from the Rhineland Palatinate in the middle of Europe — will be questioned by the new generation, as well as by the new members of the wider European Union.

If people want some form of common currency, then let it be market driven: they can dust off plans for a parallel currency, I suppose. But in the next few years Europe must not be preoccupied by the task of recreating the past, even though the Left in this country will be all too happy with the single currency becoming the "Clause Four" of Europe. "Never say never" is a traditional political maxim, so I shall only say that it is highly unlikely ever to come to pass!

But looking backwards is not the only culture in Europe: there is also a more open culture of the future. The triumph of this may, alas, come later rather than sooner, when the economic horrors of world competition drive European policymakers away from harmonisation and towards the open and competitive Europe that we should be building.

Doubtless many of the splendid sherpas in the Foreign Office are already keeping the lights burning late as they work out the tactics for 1996, preparing for a trench warfare of dots and commas in communiques. This work is, as always, invaluable, but our eyes need to be raised from punctuation to promoting a proper debate about what the future culture of the enlarging Europe should be.

Our workforces will not give up hard-won gains, but we must certainly not load on businesses unrealistic running costs produced by unrealistic policies. We must not let the late 1990s in Europe reproduce the sort of closed-shop conditions that brought so many of my generation into practical politics, as we campaigned against them at home in the late 1970s. Indeed, I hope that among the topics in 1996 will be the possibility of further enlargement and our economic relationships. We could, for instance, discuss with the Nafta countries a strategic alliance to ensure our joint continuing economic welfare against the eastern threat. Never mind Nato, it may be time for a North Atlantic *Economic* Organisation.

All this is inherently Conservative, but it is also in tune with doorstep opinion among many non-Conservatives. As Tories we can demonstrate that the party is thinking afresh while in Government. But we must explain it clearly. Our "variable geometry on Europe" means as little to most people as Labour's risible "post-classical economics".

Kenneth Clarke looks like being one of the most successful inhabitants of No 11 this century, but all the excellent work in economic management could easily be undone. So let no one think I am about to join the moral desperados who lurk with intent outside the Government whips' office complaining about "Europe". All this has nothing to do with being "pro" or "anti" Europe. It has everything to do with economic and political common sense.

John Patten's book on the Tories in the 21st century will be published next year by Sinclair-Stevenson.

Who guards the guardians?

Parcelling out appointments to quangos among a small and 'sound' coterie is amateurish and invites corruption

Mafeking is relieved. John Major is safe and well. Tormented by resignations, harassed by venal backbenchers, goaded by *The Guardian*, the Prime Minister issued a last cry for help: a committee on standards in public life. The law lords, historic saviours of politicians in distress, sent of their best. So too did the Opposition parties. Kipling cheered them on:

> It's Tommy this, and Tommy that, and chuck him out, the brute.
> But it's Saviour of his country when the guns begin to shoot.

Yesterday afternoon, the great and good crested the horizon, breastplates gleaming. They fell upon the encircling army of cynics and Mr Major was saved. We could scarce hold back a tear.

What a to-do. British sleaze scandals are becoming as thin gruel as British sex scandals. They no longer have class. A thousand pounds for a question in Parliament, a bed at the Ritz (with the wife!), a minor consultancy not entered in the register: this is not serious corruption. Ask the French or Italians. If this were about sex it would be no more than a grope in the back of a taxi. When a middleman hears the word British MP, he clearly reaches for the petty cash.

Yet the Cabinet Secretary has been in conclave with the Prime Minister. The Lord Chancellor has put on his wig and gown. The press has thundered with pompous (not to say hypocritical) editorials. Whenever the media declares a peccadillo to be a momentous issue, Mr Major seems driven to agree. Westminster has proclaimed a Public Outrage. The constitution is reformed overnight.

From what I can smell, there are two species of fish on this slab. One, to which Sir Robin Butler has been directing his attention, is essentially how the Commons conducts its business. Frankly I do not care. The work of the Commons and the behaviour of MPs is their affair. They are an appendix of modern politics, one that grumbles but intermittently. The House of Lords has more clout. The "sleaze factor" may obsess the gangbangers of lobby journalism, but the Cabinet Secretary should be concerned with higher things. Mr Major yesterday agreed. He tossed "questions for cash" back to the Commons privileges committee and rightly agreed with its decision to hold hearings in secret. Its report can be publicly debated.

Instead, the new Nolan Committee will be chiefly concerned with standards of conduct of holders of public office, ministers, civil servants and members of public boards. But its real sting should lie in Mr Major additional remit, that it should examine "the procedure governing public appointments", including quango appointments. The procedure, he said, "should be beyond criticism".

The committee can rush to judgment on this one. Last week, George Howarth, MP, published a dossier on 100 quangos covering 13 government departments, and found that 157 appointees were linked to firms that had donated to Tory party funds. Yesterday it was disclosed that no fewer than 66 health service trusts are chaired by prominent Tories or Tory donors. The chairman of the Welsh Development Agency turns out to be a resident of Monaco and former chairman of the Monte Carlo Conservatives Abroad.

These facts, not denied by the Tories, will not do. All quango appointments, together with all public honours, should be removed from the patronage of Downing Street and placed under a Royal Commission for Appointments. The boards and councils that run, for instance, the health service, university finance, the police, urban development, the national curriculum and British tourism operate with authority delegated from ministers. The number of "executive non-departmental public bodies" totalled 358 last year, according to Democratic Audit. These 358 chairmen are as powerful as any junior minister. They are attended by some 4,000 board members, in addition to the 4,000-strong National Health Service quangocracy. Most of these people, in effect, hold offices of profit under the Crown. They account for almost a third of government expenditure.



Simon Jenkins

I have nothing against quangos. I have served on a few myself and felt I was usually doing more good than harm. Quasi-autonomous boards help define areas of government more clearly than do Whitehall departments. They decentralise administration and bring outsiders within its pale. They fix budgets, monitor cash and act as the public eyes and ears of areas of government in ways that Whitehall and ministers cannot do. If there must be public prisons, hospitals, museums or railways, I would rather they were run by the great and the good than by the small and the bad.

But over them hovers a dark cloud: the manner of their appointment. "Ministers have discovered that quangos can be used for rewarding friends, expanding the corporate state, diminishing the authority of Parliament and enabling themselves to retain a measure of control over the interpretation of their own statutes . . . They encourage an abuse of patronage and invite corruption." This is not Labour's Mr Howarth talking, but Philip Holland of the Adam Smith Institute, writing under the corporatist shadow of the last Labour government.

Quangos invite not just abuse but incompetence. There is no mystery about quango selection. The ritual is shambolic. A job is vacant. The minister's private secretary gets out the list of safe names and cries, "Oh my God, not him again!" Ministers contact the whips' office. Political advisers contact Tory Central Office. The Public Appointments Unit at the Cabinet Office is badgered for ideas on women, blacks and "anyone under 35". Everybody is told to ask friends, plead for names over lunch, sound out third parties at receptions.

The networking is crude and blatant: "Know anything about Bill's wife? We need a reliable female for the South Mercian Embryology Trust." Should a name emerge, it goes to Downing Street for what amounts to loyalty vetting. Lady Thatcher recorded that she was often "appalled" at the names put up to her by ministers, and vetoed them by the dozen. Since the whole process is left to the last minute, the search gets ever more frantic, the checking ever more casual, the blackballing of anyone "unsound" instantaneous. Since nobody applies to serve on a quango, the system is a recipe for safe mediocrity — or corruption.

There should be no question of this system remaining at the mercy of party political patronage. Quango boards are by definition non-political. They are set up to implement policy under statute. They should be staffed under the auspices of a Royal Commission for Appointments. No party politicians, past or present, should sit on it. The commission would keep the register of those willing to serve on public bodies. It should interview, select and be responsible for standards and codes of practice. For lovers of precedent, there is one in the civil service selection board.

The Royal Commission should also make recommendations to the Palace for honours. John Major said on taking office that he would clean up the honours system. Civil servants, lawyers and others could no longer expect an honour to go with a particular job. But he excluded politicians from such strictures. The covert and corrupt system of knighthoods for party contributors and backbench loyalists remains. The honours system should be added to the Nolan Committee's terms of reference.

In an eerily understated response yesterday afternoon, Tony Blair failed to mention the honours system. Is he already sniffing the power of patronage?

More humbug

AS NEIL HAMILTON resigned yesterday from his post as Corporate Affairs Minister, Mohamed Al-Fayed was busy exposing another member of the House of Commons. He said that Geoffrey Dickens, MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth (*below*), is the only one who regularly gives him presents, as opposed to expecting hand-outs himself. Hence Al-Fayed was distraught to learn that Dickens is seriously ill. He immediately penned a comforting note.



From his sickbed yesterday, Dickens said he was flattered: "I always took him along a little something from the House of Commons like mints or chocolate." Dickens quickly declared his interest, saying that he had lobbied ministers on several occasions to try to secure British citizenship for the Al-Fayeds.

"I even stayed at the Ritz in Paris a couple of years ago," he added. "But all four of us paid our own way and we didn't run up any extras. If I had stayed there and I had not paid for my rooms I would have felt bloody awful."

Al-Fayed clearly appreciates the Dickens style. He wrote: "You are the only MP who always brought me a present when you came to see me. I particularly enjoyed your House of Commons humbugs."

● *While his countrymen may have been shoring up their defences, the Crown Prince of Kuwait has been out with his trowel. Shaikh Saad al-Abdallah al Sabah, a big player in hydrangea and orchid circles, has been highly commended in Westminster City Council's "London in Bloom" competition for his front garden in Belgrave Square.*

Free kick

THAT GRAND old man of football Sir Stanley Matthews neatly put the boot into selected MPs yesterday, driving a couple of scorchers past the two latest ministerial casualties. At the Commons launch of a sporting anthology, *Football and the Commons People*, Matthews compared the insecurity of our elected representatives with that of professional footballers.

He read some of the foreword by the former Tory MP Philip Goodhart: "Both are too likely to suffer from premature retirement. We both do our work for the most part in public, and our mistakes are subject to the harshest criticism." Looking up, he scratched his head: "Yeah, but when we play badly, we get dropped."

Grey fare

JOHN MAJOR may have thrown caution to the wind at the weekend in Belfast by dining out on the town, but what a dreary menu he picked at the modest eating house Saints and Scholars.

He didn't push the boat out once, ordering cream of chicken and asparagus soup (£1.85) and fillet of plaice (£7.45 and no prawn stuffing thanks). To drink: a modicum of house wine at less than £10, followed by a hot whisky at £1.95. And while his bodyguards tucked into puds, he declined and sat twiddling his thumbs.

● *Female pulses were racing yesterday in Piccadilly as hunky American film star Tom Selleck stocked up with essentials for a trip to the Himalayas and the Australian outback. First stop: that purveyor of fine pipes since 1862, Astleys. "He bought a straight grain pipe," coughs owner Paul Bentley. "He said he'll have a lot of time on his hands so a pipe is a great solace."*

Tall Raul

CASTING problems dogged Raul Julia, the star of *The Addams Family* who died at the weekend, because he was considered too tall for many a role. This minor difficulty was overlooked when he played the minuscule Greek Aristotle Onassis in the celluloid version of his life.

Julia was so much too large for the role that he threatened to pull out halfway through the film. The producers quickly summoned Onassis's biographer, Peter Evans. "They wanted me to reassure him that he was perfect for the part, which of course he wasn't at all," says Evans. "I flew to Hollywood and told him Onassis had always wanted a tall actor to play him on screen, even though he was only five-foot-three. 'But I'm six-three,' cried Julia. Yet he stayed on the set."



Puffing away

SIR ANDREW Lloyd Webber has never been reluctant to puff his shows. And tomorrow will be no exception when his Really Useful Group launches the Musical Express, Britain's first regular train service for theatre-goers. Schmaltzy piped music, usherettes and carriages free from lager louts are planned for the train service between Brighton and Victoria. "It's for people going to the theatre in their finery," explained a spokesman. "There will be special tickets for people going to the shows." The inaugural train leaves Victoria today with John Barrowman and Anita Louise Coombe, stars of *Sunset Boulevard*, serenading travellers. The novelty could well scare off regular commuters.



Boulevardiers in training

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THE NEW VIRTUE

Tackling new problems is easier than explaining old ones

Yesterday morning there were so many mysteries surrounding the ministers in the Fayed affair that the great minds of Westminster could concentrate on little else. By yesterday evening there were so many more mysteries that those same great minds could think of nothing else. Mr Major may have hoped that by announcing an inquiry into future standards of public life he could end speculation about the standards of the past. If that was his hope, he is likely to be disappointed.

When Neil Hamilton was the Trade Minister it was said that unsubstantiated allegations were not enough to drive him from his office. He was innocent until proved guilty. Now that he is no longer Trade Minister, it is said that a different set of unconnected allegations was sufficient to remove him. What were these new allegations? Was it just that Mr Hamilton was unwise enough to compare his own libel action against *The Guardian* with Mr Major's action against *Scallywag magazine*? What and who passed between Mohamed Al Fayed and Number Ten Downing Street? The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is forced to admit that he was interviewed by the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, about the Al Fayed allegations. What about? Are we never supposed to know?

This pattern of events is unsatisfactory for all concerned, not least Mr Howard. Sir Robin assumes in his report that "if there is any further material which Mr Al Fayed may have to substantiate his allegations, it will come to light". To judge by the tone of Mr Al Fayed's own statement yesterday, there is a very angry man in the Chairman's office at Harrods. None of the words uttered by the various parties sounded as though they came from this mystery tale's last chapter.

The Prime Minister's aim was to begin the task of reassuring the public about standards of behaviour by elected representatives and publicly paid officials. It would be comforting if we could say, in the manner of some latter-day Emile Zola, that Truth is on the march and nothing will stop it now.

Not even the most slavish government supporter is likely to think that. And the watching public is no more likely to have been satisfied with the explanations from the Government yesterday than Zola would have been. What once seemed almost trivial has increasingly become a treacherous, stale and smoky affair, redolent of the dirtier dives of Pall Mall. Its players include every manner of men from the club bore to the club liar: it will not end until we are clearer which is which.

Out in the country there is a craving to believe that public standards are high: it is a boast that the British properly like to make. But the cravers have become incredulous. They are likely to remain so for some time to come.

The Nolan Commission is a good idea in itself. For the reasons which we outlined in these columns yesterday, a flexible inquiry into appropriate standards for modern public life should be welcomed. It is important that the opposition parties appoint experienced and independent men and women to its ranks. Although its findings may be only advisory in the first instance, particularly upon members of the European Parliament, statutary changes can, if necessary, follow in their wake.

The Prime Minister was on clearly firmer ground yesterday when he moved from the obfuscation of old problems to the prevention of new ones. Virtue is always easier in the future tense.

THE DEAD HAVE RIGHTS

There is no condoning China's trade in human organs

The report we publish today on the commercial exploitation by Chinese hospitals of the organs of executed prisoners for transplants contains little that is inherently surprising. A system which shows scant regard for the rule of law in dealing with living "criminal elements" is unlikely to have many scruples about turning a profit from their corpses. It could be argued that a government's violations of the rights of the living should concern us more than assaults on the dignity of the dead. But that ignores the peculiarly offensive nature of any link between torture or execution and the practice of medicine, whether it be in Auschwitz or Chengdu.

In America, there have been cases of criminals on Death Row offering to donate organs. But official Chinese claims that these transplants occur only with the prior consent of the prisoner or the prisoner's family do not carry conviction. China has long insisted that those convicted of crimes should not be a burden on the State. The enforced labour of an estimated 20 million Chinese detained, after summary trials, in *laogai* prison camps makes a significant contribution to the country's economy. Mass executions are common, often for relatively minor crimes — in Guangdong province alone, 44 faced the firing squad yesterday — and it is routine for the families of the dead to be made to pay for the bullet used. It is obviously still more "efficient" if the State can derive a $30,000 profit in hard currency from each usable organ a corpse yields.

Even if criminals are not, as some of the evidence suggests, "shot to order" to match the requirements of patients, the procedures described are those of the assembly line. This trade in organs has become a flourishing export business for China: many patients are wealthy foreigners, including Europeans and Americans. It brings into grave disrepute a lifesaving medical procedure which, even when it is conducted according to the most scrupulous ethical rules, remains controversial worldwide. The shortage of voluntary donors is a serious problem: China's "solution" will make it worse.

For all these reasons, governments and the medical profession must bring home to the Chinese that there are minimal ethical norms to which they must be seen to adhere, or risk at very least the international boycott of the doctors and hospitals involved for which the International Transplant Society has already called. The Chinese government may retort that these practices are its business alone. So did the Soviet Union, when its abuse of psychiatric medicine was challenged in the 1970s. Involuntary transplants are, moreover, as unacceptable in terms of traditional Chinese values as they are internationally. Peer pressure gradually made inroads within the Soviet scientific community. The Chinese medical profession, which values access to international medicine highly after being starved of such contacts throughout the Cultural Revolution, has an incentive to respond.

Since China emerged from isolation, it has demanded chairs at every table while insisting on its right to ignore the rules that bind others when it pleases, or to accept the notion that certain minimal standards constitute a "public good". Mindful of China's expanding markets, the West has frequently humoured this "join everything, concede nothing" mentality. The Chinese should be left in no doubt that this is one market whose existence cannot be reconciled with its membership of international society.

FUEL OF CONTROVERSY

Pollution comes also in unleaded form

The Commons Transport Committee's strongly-worded report on air pollution in London is disheartening. It suggests that the expensive campaign to encourage motorists to switch to lead-free petrol has not just been a waste of effort and money but has actually made pollution worse. The report claims that lead-free petrol, sold from green pumps to advertise its environmental credentials, causes more cancer and childhood leukemia and is more likely to produce fumes that linger than leaded petrol. The committee even calls for an immediate ban on the sale of "super unleaded" petrol, so dangerous is its use in cars without a catalytic converter.

The oil industry long ago insisted that any change would be for the worse. But its arguments were dismissed as the special pleading of a lobby with a vested interest in the existing, leaded product. Environmentalists took on the oil interests and won. An industry intensely aware of the need to keep the public on its side then spent billions on making provision for lead-free petrol. It can be forgiven for a note of scepticism over the Commons' scientific evidence. Like arguments over butter or red meat, data can be used to prove almost any claim, leaving lay opinion bewildered.

What the committee has done, however, is not only to disconcert the green lobby and millions of motorists; its new evidence throws into confusion the "polluter pays" policy of attempting to influence consumer choice through a differentiated fuel tax. Some six years ago Britain took a stand against catalytic converters, which Germany wanted to impose on all motor manufacturers. Britain argued that the technology was overrated and that common standards should await the perfection of the lean-burn industry. Since then, as the vaunted new engine recedes on the horizon, the Government has retreated; and the campaign for lead-free petrol assumes that catalytic converters will be standard. All such tinkering rests on a *false assumption: that pollution from* exhaust emissions can be reduced to acceptable levels by improved engine technology and fuel composition. This is a cul-de-sac down which America has travelled. Emission standards have been made tighter and tighter. A battery of new tests has been ordained for annual vehicle inspections, including one which simulates a car starting, stopping, idling, accelerating and driving at speed. The results are almost incomprehensible to the average mechanic. And yet air pollution in most American cities grows steadily worse.

Britain is now learning that there is no technological fix to make cars environmentally friendly. The Commons committee insisted yesterday that there was no safe level of benzene vapour; and that every type of fuel — petrol, diesel and unleaded petrol — emits a noxious cocktail. The Commons committee regards old cars as the main culprits and insists on catalysts to remove most benzene traces. But Britons cannot afford to change cars as often as Americans or Germans. No transport policy that relies solely on technology will make city centres cleaner: that can be achieved only by the rapid expansion of clean, modern public transport and the curbing of the private car.



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Need to examine standards of conduct in public life

From Mr Stanley Alderson

Sir, Your leader of October 24, "Hamilton and others", calls upon the Prime Minister to set up an outside inquiry "into broader questions of propriety in public life", that should be "charged with designing a code of ethics for public service that could help restore the reputations of Parliament and other public bodies".

In July 1976, there was published the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life (Cmd. 6524. 1974-76) under Lord Salmon, which was designed

to inquire into standards of conduct in central and local government and other public bodies in the United Kingdom in relation to the problems of conflict of interest and the risk of corruption involving favourable treatment from a public body: and to make recommendations as to the further safeguards which may be required to ensure the highest standard of probity in public life.

A large number of organisations, including The Times, and private individuals contributed written submissions in the compilation of this report. What genuine effective measures were taken to implement its findings? When — if ever — was the report debated in Parliament?

Finally, as ever, in this benighted country, the issue is the speedy ending of unnecessary official secrecy, and the need for a full and comprehensive Freedom of Information Act. This is a commitment given by both opposition parties. Sadly, experience teaches that it will never take place under a Conservative government — indeed the blood freezes when recent Conservative governments have promised "liberalisation".

Yours faithfully,
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October 24.

From Mr Stephen Mulliner

Sir, The Hamilton affair is in danger of legitimising an extraordinary principle, namely that a minister should resign whenever he is the target of a serious accusation, irrespective of its ultimate truth or falsity. This cannot be right. Quite apart from the insult to the presumption of innocence it offers newspapers an appalling power to impose a temporary suspension from office upon any minister who attracts their attention or enmity.

It can take many months for a plaintiff to achieve a settlement of a libel action, let alone to get to court. The risk is that the career of an able and entirely innocent former minister will suffer serious damage. Not only is this unfair to the individual concerned but *it is bad for the government of the* country. Still worse, the possibility of such arbitrary career damage may discourage others of ability from contemplating public service.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Gavin Thomson

Sir, Perhaps unwittingly, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the all-party Commons Committee on Members' Interests, neatly encapsulated the key twin problems with the current system when he said in November 1993: *"There was no wish on the* Committee's part to investigate the allegation made in the article — indeed we have no authority to do so in the absence of a specific and formal complaint" (report, October 22).

In the interests of helping to restore *some public faith in our politicians*, perhaps the time has come for the processes for the registering of members' interests and of looking at possible transgressions to be made clearly independent of the politicians themselves; and for the body responsible to *be allowed to be pro-active in dealing* promptly with such issues.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr T. J. B. H. Stranack

Sir, I earn my living by giving advice to those who instruct me, for a fee. Others, in the same profession, give their advice to employers for a salary. The function that each of us performs is essentially the same whether we are employed or self-employed.

It is suggested of some MPs that they have asked questions in the House in return for a fee. There are *many MPs who, through employment* by businesses or sponsorship by unions, have particular interests in respect of which, over the years, they have asked questions in the House. The difference between the former and the latter is a fine one, and party *political posturing should not* be allowed to make it any broader.

Whether the world at large knows that an MP is employed or sponsored, or the MP in question announces that he is being paid to ask the question, should be irrelevant. Either there is an *issue that deserves discussion or there* is not. The House is practised enough to be able to get the answer to that right.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. B. H. STRANACK,
7 Addison Crescent, W14.
October 20.

From Mr J. W. S. Carmichael

Sir, There could be for me no more vivid *proof of Mr Neil Hamilton's* present folly and inadequacy for office, whatever his past conduct, than his belief that a matter of potential public outrage can be airily dismissed by a childish gesture with a biscuit (report and photograph, October 22).

Yours faithfully,
HAMISH CARMICHAEL,
63 Collingwood Avenue,
Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.
October 22.

From Mr John Martland

Sir, So the arrogant Mr Neil Hamilton has finally decided to resign. Well now, doesn't that take the biscuit!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARTLAND,
8 Airedale Avenue,
Chiswick, W4.
October 25.

Liberal continuity in German history

From Mr Ralph Blumenau

Sir, Daniel Johnson is of course right *when he concludes his review* (October 21) of the book on the Kaiser's anti-Semitism by saying that "Röhl's study reinforces the sinister continuities of German history". On the other hand it should be remembered that there are also other continuities in German *history. That Röhl "was startled by his* own discovery" has its own significance, namely that the Kaiser could not reveal his anti-Semitism publicly because the majority of the German public would not then have accepted it.

It must not be forgotten that Adolf Stoecker's anti-Semitism was causing such a scandal that he was forced to resign his court chaplaincy in 1891, and that the Conservative Party, with *its anti-Semitic Tivoli programme*, won only 3 per cent of the votes cast in the 1893 elections.

We are still too inclined to read German history backwards from the Nazi period. One can and should trace a continuity between Stoecker, the Kaiser, and Hitler; but equally one can and should trace liberal continuities in German history. The present federal republic has its own roots in the past or it could not have lasted now for nearly half a century; and it is high time that historians began to examine these roots as thoroughly as they have those of Nazism.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH BLUMENAU,
111 Princes House,
50 Kensington Park Road, W11.
October 21.

Compulsory sport

From the Headmaster of Millfield

Sir, I am grateful to the principal of Wymondham College (letter, October 19) for his warm tribute to Millfield's record of encouraging athletes in many disciplines to compete at up to international level. He is, however, wrong in one respect: as in most comparable schools, participation in the games programme is in fact compulsory for all pupils, though the choice of games available to them is broad.

Most teachers in independent schools, while engaged primarily to teach their specialist academic timetable, also undertake a very full en*gagement as coaches in the games* programme. This involvement offers a greatly increased range of contact with pupils and is thus a positive career incentive to many young teachers as they contemplate the sort of school in which they wish to spend *their lives.*

As an afterthought, I would not wish your readers to think that Millfield caters only for the highly talented games player. One of our less athletic girls, asked why she had chosen rifle shooting and chess as her games options, replied: "Because you don't need to use more than two fingers for either."

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MARTIN,
Headmaster, Millfield School,
Street, Somerset.

Blood transfusion

From Dr Vanessa J. Martlew

Sir, Mr John L. Jones questions (letter, October 14) *the difference in time* intervals recommended between donations made by voluntary blood donors and the intervals for patients on autologous schemes (i.e., those in which the patient's own blood is stored in advance of planned surgery).

*Sixteen weeks is the minimum re*commended interval between blood donations from fit voluntary donors. This is the time required for a healthy individual to replenish iron stores in the absence of medication. By contrast, the autologous blood donor may *donate a unit weekly from between 35* and seven days before a planned surgical procedure. Donation at weekly intervals may be achieved safely with the prescription of oral iron supplements for such patients.

Yours sincerely,
VANESSA J. MARTLEW
(Chief Executive/Medical Director),
Mersey & North Wales Centre,
National Blood Service,
West Derby Street, Liverpool 7.

Lottery grants

From Mr John Nickson

Sir, There is too much fanciful talk about monstrous lottery bids ("Week in the Arts", October 15). The total cost of the redevelopment of the Coliseum is estimated to be £40 million at 1998-99 prices but English National Opera will not be asking for £40 million from the National Lottery.

The Arts Council, which will not accept bids until January 1995, will decide how much ENO should be given. The council has also stated that lottery funds will be divided equably amongst projects great and small. Whatever is available from the lottery will be received gratefully; we will raise the balance from the private sector.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NICKSON
(Director of Corporate Affairs),
English National Opera,
London Coliseum,
St Martin's Lane, WC2.

Dishonest solicitors

From Mr Humphrey T. Bowles

Sir, It is a pity that Mr King, in his *letter (October 18) about legal aid cuts*, draws back from the brink of actually advocating that the compensation fund should be abolished.

It was all very well in the old days for solicitors honourably to make up to the public any losses sustained through dishonesty.

In those days, entry to the profession was controlled by the Law Society by means of a compulsory *interview with all potential articled* clerks. Solicitors were a close-knit professional body. There were far fewer firms, and we all knew each other in our particular area. Claims on the compensation fund were extremely low.

*Nowadays, numbers have vastly in*creased and there is no check on the characters of potential solicitors. Despite a tightening of procedures by the Law Society, it is impossible to prevent solicitors from dipping into their clients' money.

Solicitors have become like Lloyd's names. We are each liable to provide *an unquantifiable sum of money to* recoup losses over which we have no control.

An announcement by the Law Society of the complete abolition of the compensation fund is long overdue.

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHREY T. BOWLES,
Bowles & Co (solicitors),
PO Box 3, Elmstead,
Hockley Place, Frating,
Colchester, Essex.
October 19.

Church helpers

From Mrs Anne Jane Swinnerton

Sir, Ruth Gledhill's report (October 18), concerning Bishop Stancliffe of Salisbury's plans to ordain 200 part-time ministers in his diocese, is wonderful news.

My husband was ordained in 1969 *after 18 years as a lay reader and Sun*day school teacher. Over the years he and I have assisted in innumerable parishes in a non-stipendiary capacity. Everywhere we have encountered stalwart Church members keen to be involved.

In this decade of evangelism nearly every parish church in England could have a bell rung and a prayer said at 10am and/or 4pm by one or other of the parish membership if they were encouraged to do it. Our parish has lost its own vicar and vicarage, its *own parish council, school, school*house, post office and policeman.

Congratulations to David Stancliffe on his leadership and efforts to save the parishes and, of course, the real Church of England.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE J. SWINNERTON,
Hales Farm,
Market Drayton, Shropshire.
October 18.

Motoring speeds

From Captain Eric Starling

Sir, When driving a car, all decisions are made in seconds. Therefore miles per hour is an unfortunate scale to use for car speeds. Feet per second would be much more appropriate.

"I was only doing 44 feet per second *when the child stepped off the pave*ment" gives a very different impression from: "I was only doing 30 miles per hour."

I once listened to an Australian judge who explained that he always converted speeds to feet per second *when dealing with motoring cases.*

This involved him in a lot of arithmetic until someone pointed out that a near enough conversion for all practical purposes could be made by adding a half to one's mph.

*If you use the suggested approxima*tion, *60mph equals 88fps or 90fps.*

Would it not be a good idea if all speed limit signs had the equivalent in fps added below the signs in clear lettering?

Yours truly,
E. A. STARLING,
9a Wellbank Gardens,
West Kilbride,
Strathclyde.
October 20.

Booker dispute

From Mr Graham Lord

Sir, Why is Simon Jenkins so surprised ["An expletive of a winner", October 15; letters, October 17, 20, 21] that the Booker Prize has gone to a novel of "ordure" *and* "barrenness" and that "lunacy has seized English literature"? The Booker has in fact been won for years by quite the wrong sort of novels, mainly because the judges are academics or critics who are terrified to seem philistine in their choices.

When Keri Hulme's unreadable *The Bone People won the Booker in* 1985 I was Literary Editor of the *Sunday Express* and had become so fed up with the Booker that the newspaper launched a rival £20,000 prize for "the most stylish but also *compulsively readable*" novel of each year, the *Sunday Express* Book of the Year Award.

This has so far been won by Brian Moore, David Lodge, Rose Tremain, J. M. Coetzee, Michael Frayn, Hilary Mantel and William Boyd. Among the shortlisted authors have been Graham Greene, Margaret Forster, P. D. James, Barbara Vine, Angela Carter, *Michael Dibdin, Jennifer Johnston,* Edna O'Brien and William Trevor.

No Booker shortlist since 1986 has been as distinguished as those for the *Sunday Express* award, which have been chosen not by academics but by popular *writers* like Kingsley Amis, Roald Dahl, Winston Graham, Susan Hill, Hammond Innes, P. D. James, *John Mortimer*, Ruth Rendell, Alice Thomas Ellis and Auberon Waugh.

Yet who has ever heard of the *Sunday Express* award except that paper's readers? Most newspapers ignore it simply because it is sponsored by another newspaper, but year after year they devote acres of space to a bad prize sponsored by a food company. That is the real lunacy that has seized English literature.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM LORD
(Editor, *Raconteur*),
4-8 Peartree Street, EC1.
October 20.

From Mr T. H. Richardson

Sir, Mr Thorston Krings (letter, October 21) raises an interesting and important question on the identity and purpose of art which, he says, "is not about being nice". Very true. However it is not the function of the *artist*, be he novelist or poet, to be a mere reporter.

The artist by some means, almost telepathic, contrives to convey a picture of life that is more memorable than the most accurate report. Thus Dickens's description of Bill Sykes, *Nancy and Fagin in the London of the* nineteenth century may possibly be more evocative than James Kelman and his four-letter words of twentieth-century Glasgow.

Yours sincerely,
T. H. RICHARDSON,
White Gables, Swainby,
Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

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Green peace

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir, Your leading article, "Green wars" (October 20), which suggests *there is a split between activists and* others within Greenpeace, uses the campaign against the World Bank as an example.

In fact there is no such split. Greenpeace congratulated the World Bank last year when it acknowledged *the acceptability of "greenfreeze"* refrigeration technology, which does not use gases that cause ozone depletion or global warming. When it became apparent that this commitment was not being acted upon, and the bank was continuing to fund polluting *technologies in developing countries*, we intervened with direct action.

We are changing in response to changing circumstances. We are pushing real solutions to environmental problems. We congratulate Marks and Spencer and Iceland for *their commitment to adopt green*freeze technology in their supermarkets in response to work we have done. But we will continue to confront Tesco until they meet a commitment made two years ago to do the same thing.

Yours sincerely,
PETER MELCHETT,
Executive Director,
Greenpeace UK,
Canonbury Villas, N1.

People and places

From Mr M. L. Gray

Sir, Two reports on page 6 on October 19 illustrate one of the many things wrong in Britain.

A lady in Oxfordshire is made to pay £1,000 after felling two diseased trees on a technicality, while contractors for the Department of Transport have been felling trees housing protected bats and driving a road through a protected dormouse habitat. The Government and civil servants appear to flout the spirit of conservation laws with impunity.

Yours faithfully,
M. L. GRAY,
Fairfield,
Hillcrest Park, Exeter, Devon.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 25: His Excellency Dr Ante Cićin-Sain was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Croatia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Dr Drago Stambuk (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mr Dubravko Zirovcic (Counsellor), Mrs Orhideja Sokac (Counsellor) and Mr Damir Kusen (First Secretary).

Mrs Cićin-Sain was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Major General Sir John Foley was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander British Forces Hong Kong.

Mr Vikram Seth (winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize) was received by Her Majesty.

Sir Richard Luce (Chairman of the Commonwealth Foundation) and Dr Humayun Khan (Director) were present.

The Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen this afternoon opened the new Chamber of British Shipping, Carthusian Court, London EC1, and was received by the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens (Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, Bt), the President, Chamber of Shipping (Mr Alexander Marshall) and the Director-General, Chamber of Shipping (Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt).

Her Majesty toured the building, escorted by the President, and met members of the staff.

The Queen was given presentations on activities of the Chamber of Shipping and on ferry safety.

Her Majesty subsequently unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Mrs Robert de Pass, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 25: The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Deaf Association, this morning received Mrs Elizabeth Wincott (Chief Executive).

YORK HOUSE

October 25: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, this afternoon attended a Lifeboat Naming Ceremony, Ramsgate Royal Harbour, Ramsgate, Kent, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (The Rt Hon Lord Kingsdown).

His Royal Highness later visited Channel Eurotunnel Terminal, Cheriton, Kent.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the National Federation of Music Societies, this afternoon presented the Performing Right Society Limited's Enterprise Awards, Berners Street, London W1.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince of Wales will be the host at a reception for the Urban Villages Forum at St James's Palace at 6.30.

Princess Margaret will open Goring Hall, Compass Healthcare's new independent hospital, Bodiam Avenue, Goring-by-Sea, near, Worthing, West Sussex, at 12.35.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will be present at a gala evening and performance of *Chicago* by Theatre West 4 at Chiswick Town Hall at 7.40 in aid of the Order of St John.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the research and development laboratories at Fisons Pharmaceuticals Division, Bakewell Road, Loughborough, at 10.45; and will visit Dunn Systems, Smisby Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, at 2.05.

The Duchess of Kent will present the British Telecommunications/Childline awards for services to children at the Hyatt Carlton Hotel, Cadogan Place, SW1, at 10.55; and will attend a gala film screening at Claridge's Hotel at 6.15 in aid of the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building at St Hilda's College, Oxford.

Birthdays today

The President of France celebrates his 78th birthday today.

The Viscount of Arbuthnott, 70; Mr John Arden, playwright, 64; Mr Kevin Barron, MP, 48; Sir Andrew Carnwath, banker, 85; Mr Ian Chapman, former chairman, William Collins, 69; Sir Percy Cradock, diplomat, 71; Mr Paul Daneman, actor, 69; Professor W.A. Deer, former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 84; Mr Edward Garnier, MP, 42; Professor R.A. Hinde, former Master, St John's College, Cambridge, 71; Mr Bob Hoskins, actor, 52.

Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable, Warwickshire, 61; Professor A.M. Lucas, Principal, King's College, London, 53; Sir Donald MacDougall, economist, 82; Viscount Malvern, 45; Mr Adam Mars-Jones, novelist, 40; Lord Molloy, 76; Mr György Pauk, violinist, 58; the Hon Tom Sackville, MP, 44; Lord Scanlon, 81; Lord Wyfold, 71.

Reception

Baroness Fisher of Rednal

Baroness Fisher of Rednal was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords for the British Safety Council's presentation of 5 Star Health and Safety Management Audit System awards.



ADRIAN BROOKS

Michael Ford, left, Donald Handscombe and David Antill taking a nostalgic look yesterday at themselves in 1944

Secret army meets again

MICHAEL Ford, 66, Donald Handscombe, 76, and David Antill, 67, are among the survivors of a "secret army" of 3,000 men chosen to lead the resistance in the event of a Nazi occupation of Britain, who met for the first time in over fifty years yesterday in the village of Coleshill, Oxfordshire, where they trained (John Young writes).

The Auxiliaries are barely mentioned in any histories of the Second World War. The Germans are said to have known of their existence and most of the Auxiliaries would have been arrested and killed if the invasion had taken place. They were reprieved by the failure of the Day of the Eagle on August 13 1940 and the success of the RAF in the Battle of Britain.

Captain Jack Archer, 86, of Highworth, near Swindon, said yesterday: "Some people sneered at us. One woman put a white feather in my coat because, she said, her sons were fighting overseas. After the war she apologised and said she never knew."



The South Essex Auxiliaries in 1944: Mr Ford is third right back row, Mr Handscombe third left middle row, and Mr Antill second left back row

Sir Alexander Johnston

Service of Thanksgiving

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Alexander Johnston will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, SW1, on Tuesday, November 1, at noon.

Glovers' Company

Installation

The Master of the Worshipful Company of Glovers of London, Mr John Gardner, was invested by the outgoing Master, Mr John Gratwick, at the Installation luncheon held at Drapers' Hall, London, EC2 yesterday.

Lecture

Royal Society of Medicine

Professor Lewis Wolpert delivered the Nuffield Lecture last night at the Royal Society of Medicine, London W1. Later, Sir Donald Harrison, president, accompanied by Lady Harrison, received the guests at a reception and dinner.

Dinners

The Speaker

The Speaker held a dinner in Speaker's House last night in honour of the Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana. The High Commissioner for Ghana was also present. The other guests were: Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Mr Robert Banks, MP, Mr Paul Boateng, MP, Mr Simon Burns, MP, Mr Richard Caborn, MP, Mr David Chidgey, MP, Dame Janet Fookes, MP, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Mr Sam Darkwa, Mr Anthony Goodenough, Mrs Caroline Matthews, Mr Charles Wimlfrith and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

Glass Sellers' Company

The Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Glass Sellers' Company held their annual dinner last night at the Mansion House. During the evening the Recorder of London presented the Glass Sellers' Award (Art and Craft) 1994 to Miss Keiko Mukaide and the Glass Sellers' Student Award (Art and Craft) 1994 to Miss Angela Bruce. Among others present were:

The Bailiff of Jersey, Sir Cennydd Traherne, KG, the High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, and the masters and clerks of several livery companies of the City of London and their ladies.

Anglo-Netherlands Society

The Lord Chief Justice and Mr Sjoerd Royer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of The Netherlands, were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Netherlands Society held last night at the Inner Temple.

Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, president, and Lady Vanneck received the guests.

Among those present were:

The Netherlands Ambassador and Mrs Hoekman, HM Ambassador to The Netherlands and Lady Miers and Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division and Lady Brown.

Council of Her Majesty's Circuit Judges

The President, Judge Waley, QC, presided at the annual dinner of the Council held on Friday night in Lincoln's Inn. The principal guests were Lord Nolan, Sir Cecil Clothier QC, Sir Robert Porter QC, Recorder of Belfast, Sheriff McInnes QC, Rear Admiral Richard Hill and District Judge Berkson. Lord Nolan spoke on behalf of the guests.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates.

Commonwealth Writer's Prize

Mr Vikram Seth, winner of the 1994 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for Best Book, *A Suitable Boy*, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Commonwealth Foundation yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir Richard Luce, chairman of the foundation, and Dr Humayun Khan, director, received the guests.

Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund

Mrs Ronald Travers, Chairman, was host at a luncheon given by The Richard Dimbleby Cancer Fund, yesterday at the Savile Club to say farewell to Dr Thelma Bates, Honorary Medical Advisor to the Fund, on her retirement. On behalf of the trustees, Mrs Travers thanked Dr Bates for her many years of association with the Dimbleby family and the Fund and presented her with a sculpture by Nicholas Dimbleby.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Bird and Miss E.L. Knight

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Bird, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.W. Knight, of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Mr J.M.A. Boscawen and Miss M.T. Finlow

The engagement is announced between John Michael Arthur, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Simon Boscawen, of Rudgwick, Sussex, and Miranda Tracey, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Finlow, of Dockenfield, Surrey.

Mr D.S.C. Boyd and Miss S.L.C. Evans

The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr James Boyd and of Mrs Elspeth Boyd, of Edinburgh, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Evans, of Edinburgh.

Mr P.R.P. Cunningham and Miss L.E. Lyle

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony and Thérèse Cunningham, of Zele, Belgium, and Lindy, eldest daughter of Mr George Lyle and the late Mrs Isobel Lyle, of Holywood, Co Down.

Mr C.P. Duffy and Miss A.F. Harper

The engagement is announced between Calhum, only son of Mr Peter Duffy, of Surrey, and Mrs S. Nolan, of Buckinghamshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Harper, of Nairn and Bearsden, Scotland.

Mr D. Hugh Smith and Dr M-C. Moloney

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Sir Andrew and Lady Hugh Smith, of Grendon Underwood, Buckinghamshire, and Maresa-Clare, youngest daughter of Mr Peter and Mrs Noelene Moloney, of Hornby Park, Liverpool.

Captain M.K. Sill and Miss M.E.C. de Broë-Ferguson

The engagement is announced between Captain Martin Sill, The Royal Canadian Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Sill, of Burlington, Ontario, and Miranda, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Edward de Broë-Ferguson, of Martock, Somerset.

Mr A.S.P. Leschallas and Miss J.E.G. Lywood

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Leschallas, of Rolvenden, Kent, and Joanna, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lywood, of Ashford Court, Ludlow, Shropshire.

Mr G.C.A. Minoprio and Miss S.M. Huntington

The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Minoprio, of Milton Ernest, Bedfordshire, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Huntington, of Horam, East Sussex.

Mr P.R. Rymer and Miss I.C. Azis

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Dick Rymer, of Mixbury, Northamptonshire, and Isobel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Azis, of West Burton, West Sussex.

Mr A.M. Servaes and Mrs S. Sajjan

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Mark Servaes, of Southwold, Suffolk, and Samantha Sajjan, of London, NW1.

Mr M. Turnbull and Miss R. Cobb

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of the Bishop of Durham and Mrs M. Turnbull, and Ruth, daughter of Mr J. Cobb and the late Mrs B. Cobb.

Marriage

Mr G.W.W. Playne and Miss C.G. Mucklow

The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, October 22, at St Luke's, Sydney Street, of Mr George William Whichcote Playne and Miss Caroline Griselda Mucklow. The Rev Derek Watson officiated.

The bride who was given away by her father, was attended by Mrs Nick Bromley-Davenport, Miss Louise Carlton, Miss Venetia Playne, Miss Sophia Playne, Georgina, William and James Bracewell and Tom Mucklow. Mr Gerry Salvin was best man.

The reception was held at Cadogan Hall and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Domenico Scarlatti, harpsichordist and composer, Naples, 1685; Georges-Jacques Danton, French Revolution leader, Arcis-sur-Aube, 1759; Henry Thomas Cockburn, Baron Cockburn, judge, Edinburgh, 1779; Andrei Bely, poet, Moscow, 1880; Primo Carnera, boxer, Sequals, Italy, 1906; Mahalia Jackson, gospel singer, New Orleans, 1911; Jackie Coogan, actor, Los Angeles, 1914; Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran 1941-79, Teheran, 1919.

DEATHS: Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons 871-99, London, 899; Philip Doddridge, non-conformist theologian, Lisbon, 1751; William Hogarth, painter and engraver, London, 1764; Carolina Oliphant, Lady Nairne, song-writer, Gask, Perthshire, 1845; Sir Aurel Stein, archaeologist, Kabul, 1943; Alma Cogan, singer, 1966; Igor Sikorsky, helicopter pioneer, Easton, Connecticut, 1972.

Victor Emmanuel was proclaimed King of Italy by Garibaldi, 1860.

The gunfight at the OK Corral took place at Tombstone, Arizona, 1881.

The Territorial Army was founded by Richard Haldane, Secretary of State for War, 1907.

Service dinner

The King's Royal Hussars

Lieutenant-Colonel A.R.D. Shirreff and the Officers of The King's Royal Hussars were the hosts at a dinner for serving and former cavalry officers in Northern Ireland held last night at Girdwood Park, Belfast, to mark the anniversary of the battle of Balaklava. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brigadier D. Stirudley, Chief of Staff Headquarters Northern Ireland, and Brigadier J.R. Smales, Commander 107 (Ulster) Brigade, were among the guests.

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The fame of your obedience has spread everywhere and this makes me happy about you. I want you to be expert in goodness, but innocent of evil.
Romans 16:19 (REB)

BIRTHS

AUSTBERG - On October 18th, to Trudy (née Bell) and Keith, a daughter, Katie, a sister for Lucy.

CASCIANI-COMER - On 17th October, to Elisa and Mark, a son, Oliver Edward first grandchild for Carlo and Julia Casciani.

COBB - On October 19th to Emma (née Dunford) and James, a daughter, Phoebe Georgia.

DICK-CLELAND - On 24th October, to Nicola (née Green) and Alastair, a daughter, Emily Frances.

EAMEY - On 12th October to Victoria (née Rumbens) and Robert, a daughter, Alice Victoria.

ETTINGER - On October 1st to Christine (née Julien-Laferrière) and Paul (Pebble), a daughter, Chloé Hélène Chantal, a sister for Sophie and Alexander.

GABE-WILKINSON - On October 18th, at the Portland Hospital, to Shaheena and Charles, a beautiful daughter, Misha Alexandra.

HOWARD - On 5th October 1994 in the Linde Wing, St Mary's to Victoria (née Barnsley) and Nicholas, a daughter, Blanche Mary.

KIELY - On October 14th, to Sarah (née Challen) and John, a daughter, Georgia Francesca Elizabeth, a sister for Alexander.

KOERSLER - On October 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Catriona (née Chalmers) and Jonathan, a son, Calum James Thomas.

LLOYD - On 20th October to Joanna (née Freeland) and Henry a son, Edward James Butler; with grateful thanks to the staff at St. Thomas's Hospital.

MALCOLM - On 25th October, to Judith (née Broad) and Stephen, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, a sister for Jamie Alexander.

OGDON - On 20th October to Jessica (Rockley) and Richard, a daughter, Holly Grace Hartley, a sister for George.

OGILVY - On October 18th at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Alexandra (née Wheeler) and Niall, a son, David William.

POLLOCK - On October 19th, A son, Oliver, to Nicole (née McAllister) and David. Many thanks to all staff at The Portland Hospital.

RIVIERE - On October 20th in Hong Kong, to Clair (née de Maurier) and Simon, a son, Frederic Peter.

ROGERS - On October 22nd, to Susie (née Brown) and Tony, a wonderful daughter (Annabel Lucy).

ROYLE - On October 21st, to Polly (née Grant) and Nicholas, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth Jane.

BIRTHS

STIMPFIG - On 24th October 1994, to Clemency (née Wethered) and Mark, a son, Edward Mark Owen, a brother to Thomas and Olivia.

MARRIAGES

WHILLIS-CHAMBERLAIN - The marriage took place on Saturday 22nd October at St. Mary's Parish Church Fetcham of Nicholas Charles Russell Whillis eldest son of Mr & Mrs C.R. Whillis and Judith Helen daughter of Mr & Mrs M. Chamberlain of Epsom.

DEATHS

AYLEN - Peacefully on 24th October 1994, aged 83 years, Arthur Percival Aylen OBE, beloved widower of Elizabeth and father of Diana, John and Roger, cared for devotedly by family friend Rita. Family only funeral. Donations if desired to NSPCC or RSPB to Hogben, Sheerness, Kent.

BIGG - Michael (Frederick George) of Princess Christian's Hildenborough on 21st October aged 69 years. Much loved brother of Joan. Funeral Tuesday 1st November Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 10.15 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to MENCAP c/o W. Hodges. Tel: 0732 454457

BOND - Stuart John McNicol, suddenly and tragically on Sunday 23rd October, beloved son of A. Leslie Bond and the late Muriel Bond, brother of Maureen, Pam, Shirley, Dora, William and Henry, uncle, and friend to all, who will be deeply missed. Funeral on Friday 28th October at 2.pm at St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Barnes, London SW13. All are welcome. Flowers to T.H. Sanders & Sons, 35, Barnes High Street, Barnes SW13.

CASSELS - On October 19th peacefully at home in Norwich, James MacDonald, former Professor of Physics, Liverpool University. Much loved brother of John and father of Andrew and Suzanna. Funeral service will take place at the City of Norwich Crematorium on Tuesday November 1st at 2.30pm. Donations if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research, may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

CLIFTON - On October 23rd, 1994, peacefully at Flowerdown N/H, Winchester, Marjorie, aged 84, wife of the late Robert. Devoted mother of John Clifton and Sue Kent, grandmother of Julian, Caroline, Annabel, Belinda, Charles and Arabella, step-grandmother of Mandy and Flossie. Cremation private.

DEATHS

DAVIES - On 22nd October, 1994, John Norman (Jack), brother of Joy. Funeral at Stonelegh Parish Church, Coventry on Friday, 28th October at 12.00 noon followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired for the Cardiac Surgical Research Fund to A. Farquhar & Son, City Mews, Lamb Street, Coventry.

DICKENS - Molly aged 92, widow of the Professor Frank Dickens, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died 24th October 13 weeks after a fall. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

EDMINSTON - On 23rd October 1994, Marjorie aged 91, mother of Michael, grandmother of Catherine, Christopher and Alexander. Funeral service at 2.pm on Tuesday 1st November 1994 at the Church of St. Mary and St Mellor, Ansetsury, Wiltshire. Family flowers only, but may donations to Age Concern.

ELTON - Catherine Sarah. On October 22nd aged 20 years. Innocent victim of a road accident. Adored daughter of Susan and Francis, much loved sister of Philippa and Edward. Her beauty, inwardly and outwardly, brightened the lives of all who knew her. Funeral at 3.pm Friday 28th October at St. Andrew's Church, Shepherdswell. Flowers to C.W. Lyons, 70 Military Road, Canterbury.

GALE - George Edwin Gale P.h.D, C.B.E. Died peacefully on 25th October in Southsea, Hants. Funeral Service at Portchester Crematorium on Monday 31st October, at 2.45 p.m. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Talking Books For The Blind, c/o Barnells Funeral Directors, "Lawnswood", 245 Fratton Road, Portsmouth.

GOODRIDGE - Rosetta, on October 18th, suddenly at home in Mannamead, Plymouth. In her 98th year, mother of Frank and Michael. Sadly missed by her five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

GRIFFITHS - On Monday 24th October 1994, peacefully at home, after a long illness bravely fought. Eve, widow of Colonel Patrick Grimms, loving mother of Susie and Caroline. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, for The Macmillan Nursing Service. Enquiries and donations to the Funeral Directors, W.J. Barwetherick & Son Ltd, Central House, Fairmantle Street, Truro, Tel: 0872 74021.

HILARY - On October 21st, in the peace of Christ, David Henry Jephson C.B., aged 62, beloved husband of Phoebe, father of John, Miriam, Henry and Rachel, and brother of Sheila Low. Funeral at St Peter's, Eaton Square, London SW1, at 2pm on Friday October 28th. Family flowers only, please.

DEATHS

HOOLE - On October 23rd very peacefully Constance May aged 86 years, dearly beloved widow of William Leslie Hoole late of Cape Town and Jersey. No flowers please, donations in lieu if desired to Cancer Macmillan Relief, 15-17 Britain Street, London SW3.

HOPKINS - Professor Harold, died peacefully at Duchess of Kent House, Dellwood Hospital, Reading, on 22nd October 1994, aged 75 years. Much loved husband of Christine and father of Kelvin, Timothy, Susan and Jeremy. Harold will be remembered by us all.

KARSTEN - On 22nd October, peacefully at Brooklyn Hospital, Peter Michael, dearly loved and respected husband and father. Funeral 2pm, Friday 28th October, 11 Langattock Church. No flowers, donations in lieu to British Brain & Spine Foundation, 35-43 Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

LOVELOCK - Richard John, suddenly on October 15th 1994, in Nigeria, aged 44 years. Irreplaceable to his family, and many friends both home and abroad. The Funeral Service is at St. Johns Church, Devizes on Friday October 28th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to selected Charities, c/o John Stuart Funeral Service, Castle Farm, Hillworth Road, Devizes. 0380 723883.

MARZOCCHI - On October 19th, peacefully in hospital, Poppy beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday October 27th at 11.30.

MINTO - On 19th October, at Newick House Nursing Home, Sheila Alison L.V.O., O.B.E. youngest surviving child of the late Archibald and Mary Minto. Funeral service at St Margaret's Rottingdean at 2.30pm on Friday 4th November followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare, c/o E. Carter Undertakers, Rottingdean Sussex.

MITCHELL - On October 23rd 1994, Christine Mary (née Browne), widow of the late William Mosscur (RN), mother of Anthony, Julian and the late James. Grandmother of Charles, Alexander and Edward, great-grandmother of Gwendolen; peacefully in her 90th year. Cremation private, no flowers by request.

REISS - Suddenly and peacefully in Aldeburgh on Saturday October 22nd, Nicholas, dearest husband of Jane and father of Katie, Phillippa, Jessica and James. Funeral for family only. Thanksgiving service in Norwich and Memorial Fund details to be announced later.

DEATHS

REYNOLDS - Frank Arrowsmith OBE, LLB, FCIL, on 24th October. Wonderful husband and lover to Joan for 56 years. Father of Clyde, Marion (died 1993) and Angela, grandfather to Melissa and Peter. A very sad loss.

RICHARDSON - On October 22nd after a long fight courageously fought. Peacefully at Coombes Mountbatten House, Betty, aged 70, of Portchester and Cowes. The dearly beloved wife of Peter and greatly loved mother of Robin and Rupert. The funeral will take place at St Mary's Church within the Castle, Friday 4th November at 14.00. Betty loved flowers which may be sent to Taylor & Wallis, 112a Castle Street, Portchester. Alternatively, donations in her memory for the R.N.L.I. or Cancer Relief Macmillan fund.

RUSSELL - On October 22nd peacefully at home Professor Walter Russell C.M.G. formerly of Kenya and Reading, aged 89. Family funeral. Memorial Service in Reading mid November.

SAXTON - On October 22nd after a long illness, Nelson John in his 74th year. Beloved and loving husband of Trudy, dearest dad of Jane and Carol, father-in-law of Chris, and dear grandpa of Oliver and Florence. Donations to British Lung Foundation, c/o Francis Chappell and Sons, 332 Croydon Road, Farnborough, Kent. BR6 8NW.

STOREY - Peacefully on October 22nd at Teeside Hospice, Middlesborough, Cleveland. John Harrison (Jim) beloved husband of Shirley, dearly loved father of Alice, Hugh, Julia and Robert and a very dear grandfather. Family flowers only, donations to Teeside Hospice, 1 Northgate Road, Middlesborough. Memorial Service St Cuthberts Church, Marton in Cleveland, Tuesday 1st November, 2.30pm.

SWEETMAN - Trevor Sweetman of Chequers Park, Wye, died in hospital on Sunday 23rd October fighting non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Trevor leaves a widow Basil, and two sons, Bentley and Kieran. Funeral is at 3.20pm, Thursday 27th October, Charing Crematorium, Kent. Flowers to the Funeral Director, 02333 620522 or donations to the Mountbatten Centre, Kent & Canterbury Hospital.

VINEY - On 18th October, peacefully, Rose Constance. Funeral Service at St. Pancras Cemetery on 27th October, at 11.30am. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, Funeral Directors. Tel: 081-448 1681.

DEATHS

WAKEFIELD - On Tuesday 18th October peacefully at Bath Royal United Hospital, Mary Helene Wakefield (née Ford previously Hayes) aged 92, wife of the late Peter Wakefield and much loved mother of Elizabeth and Jane, Grandmother of Susan, Catherine and Anne and great-grandmother of Rebecca. Private cremation. Memorial Service at the Minster Church of St Denys, Warminster Saturday November 5th at 11.00am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Friends of the Athenaeum, 31 Copheap Rise, Warminster BA12 0AR

WHITE - On October 24th Suddenly at his home, Edmund White aged 70, husband of Ellen White of Sunbury Nursing Homes, Thames Street, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex. Proprietor of Sunbury Nursing Homes since 1952. R.I.P. Funeral Mass at St Ignatius R.C. Church, Green Street, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex on Wednesday 2nd November 10.00 a.m. followed by burial at Sunbury Cemetery.

WILLIAMS - Chester, husband of Lucy, died peacefully on October 23rd. Funeral Service, The Mid Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, Nr. Wellesbourne, Monday October 31st at 3.30pm. Tea afterwards. Enquiries to W.J. Wright Funeral Directors, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, Cheltenham, Glos. Tel:0451 831629.

WYBIN - On October the 21st 1994, peacefully at the Stratford Bentley Nursing Home, Herbert Francis Townsend, aged 84 years. Husband of Joan, father of Guy Norris, grandfather of Clare, Alexandra and Richard. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Alzheimers Disease Association C/O A E Bennett & Sons, 34 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6EE. Tel 0789 267035

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COPPINGER-SYMES - A service in memory of Bill will be held on Thursday 17th November 1994 at St Simon Zelotes Church, Milner Street, London SW3 at 12 noon. All friends welcome. If possible please ring 05984 593 to confirm attendance.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

COWEN - Francis Bolam MBE, MC, TD, FRAS, FRHS, 26th October 1994 - 18th March 1965. Major, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Wing Commander, RAF Regiment. Secretary, British Horological Institute. "Unforgettable - Unforgotten"

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

KENNEDY - Andrew, October 26th 1990. Remembered with much love by her family and many friends.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION NO 006299 of 1994 IN THE MATTER OF MOORE GROUP LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 12th October 1994 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 19th October 1994.

Dated this 26th day of October 1994

Simpson Curtis
41 Park Square
Leeds LS1 2NS
Ref: GJR
Solicitors for the above named company

BEAU BAGGAGE LIMITED The Insolvency Act 1986 This is to give NOTICE that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above named Company held on Friday the 14th October 1994 by Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Cottons and Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southbourne Road, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2EG, having provided written statement that he is qualified to act as Insolvency practitioner in relation to the above named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and trust he consents so to act was appointed Liquidator of the said Company.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 175 COMPANIES ACT 1985 Alfas (Stapleford) Limited

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:- (a) by Written Resolution of the members of the Company dated 24th October 1994 pursuant to Section 381A of the Companies Act 1985 a Special Resolution ("the Resolution") was duly passed approving a payment out of the Company's capital (pursuant to Section 171 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the purchase by the Company from a Shareholder of 2,144,694 Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each under Section 162 of the Companies Act 1985.

(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 is £769,994.07.

(c) The Statutory Declaration and Auditors Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985, both of which are dated 24th October 1994 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Pennyfarthing House 3 Chapel Street, Winchester Hampshire SO23 8HU; and

(d) Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution for an order prohibiting the payment.

Dated 26th October 1994.
Everitsheds Alexander Tatham
Solicitor for Alfas (Hampshire) Limited.

The Insolvency Act 1986. OGLEN-MARSHALL LIMITED (In Receivership). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FIPA of Deepdene & Appleby, 4 Chesterfield Gardens, London, ECIM 6SN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by members and creditors on 19th October 1994. M.R. DARRINGTON, Liquidator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 2041/93 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF SUNLEIGH PLC and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 6th October 1994 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company and the reduction of its capital from £14,894,853.78 to £11,700,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the reduction of the capital of the Company the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 18th October 1994.

Dated this 25th day of October 1994

Gordons Wright & Wright
Solicitors
14 Piccadilly, Bradford
West Yorkshire BD1 3LX
Ref: PJC
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No. 006208 OF 1994 IN THE MATTER OF JOHN CAVENDISH LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 6th October 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £1,800,000 to £900,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 24th October 1994.

Dated this 25th day of October 1994

Gordons Wright & Wright
Solicitors
14 Piccadilly, Bradford
West Yorkshire BD1 3LX
Ref: PJC
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

STRASBOURG

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

CONSTRUCTION OF THE DEBATING HALL
CONFERENCE ROOMS AND OFFICES

NOTICE OF OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER

FOR THE CONCRETE WORKS - STRUCTURAL STEELWORKS - ROOFING - WATERPROOFING

The works have been divided into the following contracts:

- Six contracts for the concrete works, in the order of 30 to 85 million French Francs
- A Structural Steelwork contract, in the order of 51 million French Francs
- Two roofing contracts, in the order of 9 and 14 million French Francs
- A glazing contract, in the order of 9 million French Francs
- A contract for the facade cleaning system, in the order of 6 million French Francs

Potential candidates can reply for several contracts regrouped

Latest date for submission of tenders:
29th November 1994 at 18.00h, at the address indicated below

The official publication of this invitation to tender has been carried out in the Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Communities
The text of the official publication, requests for further information and the tender documents ona be obtained from

S.E.R.S. - MISSION DE RÉALISATION DE L'HÉMICYCLE
DU PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN
Quai WINTERER - 67080 STRASBOURG CEDEX
Tél. 88 37 48 88 - Fax 88 37 48 99



OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER SHELEPIN

Alexander Shelepin, head of the KGB, 1958-61, and a full member of the Soviet Praesidium, 1961-75, died on October 24 aged 76. He was born in Voronezh, southeast of Moscow, on August 18, 1918.



AS THE chief of the Soviet Union's secret police, in succession to the notorious Beria and equally hated Serov — the two men appointed by Stalin — Alexander Shelepin was one of the most ruthless and feared members of the Communist Party hierarchy in the post-Stalin years. Although he did not build a personal empire of terror in the manner of his predecessors, he was closely identified with the purges and oppressions of the Cold War years, and was reviled in the West as a neo-Stalinist. Some even likened him to Himmler. In the shifting sands of Soviet power politics, however, he earned international attention as a rival and possible successor to Leonid Brezhnev.

He displayed an aggressively confident public demeanour during his years at the top. Having climbed to power under the patronage of Khrushchev, he was one of those who engineered Khrushchev's fall from power in 1964. Eleven years after this, a visit Shelepin made to London as a guest of the TUC in April 1975 provoked a huge storm of outrage in Britain. Within weeks of his return to Moscow he was unexpectedly dismissed from the Communist Party Politburo and "released" from his duties as chairman of the Soviet TUC. Until that time, however, he had been for many years a senior member of the Soviet leadership. He played a leading role in foreign affairs — with visits to Vietnam and the Middle East at a time in the 1960s when Moscow's international influence was at its height. He was also influential in domestic affairs, supervising (with a firm hand) the nation's youth, the trade union movement and later the consumer goods industries. The reason a career which had seemed so full of potential petered out so totally has never been fully understood in the West.

As the son of a railway official, Alexander Nikolayevich Shelepin grew up in petit-bourgeois circumstances. He became one of the generation of Communist Party functionaries born after the revolution who came to power in the 1960s. He studied at the Institute of Philosophy, Literature and History in Moscow and from there served from 1939 to 1940 with the Red Army on the Finnish war front as a political officer. He then became a party official and for some years was employed in the Agitation and Propaganda department of the Komsomol Secretariat — the Young Communist organisation. He was responsible for ideological questions — playing a leading role in the campaign among young people against religion — and international relations, travelling widely around the Eastern bloc. In 1954 he was appointed to the top post of First Komsomol Secretariat, two years after becoming a member of the Communist Party Central Committee. In this position he was ideally placed for picking and placing young recruits in the party-government apparatus and creating his own powerbase.

Shelepin emerged at the 20th Party Congress as a trenchant, confident speaker. He concentrated on the problems of his professional field of the Komsomol and criticised both the economic and educational ministries for neglecting the social and cultural needs of young workers. His star seemed set fair when he was appointed a member of the commission set up by the congress for the preparation of a new party programme. He also served on a commission with the task — unpopular within the party — of attempting to reorganise and decentralise the administration of industry.

At the end of 1958, under Khrushchev's aegis, he was appointed chairman of the Committee of State Security (KGB), a post which put him in charge of the secret police. He replaced General Serov, who had been chosen by Stalin to take over from Lavrenti Beria in 1953 after Beria had been executed for treason. Shelepin's appointment was regarded as a move by Khrushchev to keep a close personal grip on the party while breaking with the Stalinist past. Unlike Serov whose name, like Beria's, was associated with mass deportations and other excesses of a police state including the crushing of the Hungarian uprising, Shelepin was seen as an authoritative but relatively enlightened figure.

He immediately introduced a change of leadership style at the KGB. Western intelligence services intercepting KGB messages noticed that "demands" were suddenly replaced by "requests". He also recruited university graduates to replace old guard agents. He accorded increased priority and resources to measures designed to influence Western governments and public opinion and created a new "disinformation" section. But he remained convinced that selective assassination should continue to be a necessary part of KGB foreign operations.

Nevertheless, Shelepin laid great stress in his speeches on the new regime's "socialist legality" and its protection of the lawful rights of Soviet citizens, in contrast to the nefarious activities of Beria.

Following Khrushchev's party reform measures in 1962, Shelepin was appointed chairman of the newly formed party-State control committee with an area of jurisdiction embracing the police, the law and the judicial organs, a position of far-reaching power and influence. In 1964, however, Shelepin threw the weight of his police and intelligence connections against Khrushchev, arranging for the bugging of Khrushchev's private telephone lines.

After Khrushchev's fall, Shelepin was rewarded at last with full membership of the Praesidium and supported an intensified campaign against political dissidents, whom he regarded as being tools of Western ideological subversion. His party-State control committee was abolished, however, by the new government in December 1965 and with the loss of this post Shelepin ceased to be a deputy-chairman of the Council of Ministers. The 23rd Party Congress (1966) deprived him of his place in the secretariat while assigning him to the relatively uninfluential post of chairman of the all-union Central Council of Trade Unions. However, he kept his seat in the Praesidium.

The curious tailing off of Shelepin's career at the point when his age and former posts might have suggested further advancement in the Soviet hierarchy may, at least partly, be explained by the hostility that evidently existed between him and Brezhnev. Over the years Shelepin had built up a considerable following in the Soviets, the party and the government which posed a threat to Brezhnev's authority.

By 1975 it was clear that his prospects of supreme power were in decline. Nevertheless, when Len Murray, the general secretary of the TUC, attended an East-West trade union conference in Geneva in March 1975 and announced that he was inviting Shelepin to visit London — because, he said, there were many things Western and Eastern countries could learn from one another — a storm of protest quickly built up.

As a potential leader of the Soviet Union, Shelepin's activities had been keenly monitored by the Western intelligence services over the years and the details of the more notorious actions for which he was held responsible quickly became widely known. As head of the KGB he had been responsible for an assortment of espionage assassinations and the Soviet spy-ring headed by Peter and Helen Kroger that had penetrated British security. In 1970 he had been forced to call off a visit to West Germany after a Munich lawyer threatened to serve him with a writ for murder over the assassination by the KGB of two Ukrainian nationalists in exile. He was also held responsible for the KGB's policy of harassment against Jews and human rights activists. One of his most dubious boasts had been: "Give me a free hand with about 2,000 people and there would be no trouble from the intellectuals."

As details of these and other activities became known, the public furore mounted. Although 104 MPs backed motions opposing the visit and groups ranging from Amnesty International to Aims of Industry protested, the visit took place under substantial police protection.

Less than a month later, came the news of Shelepin's political downfall. He was still only 56.

MICHAEL SUMMERSKILL

Michael Summerskill, barrister and marine insurer, died on October 18 aged 66. He was born on November 28, 1927.



VERY much an original, Michael Summerskill devoted much of his working life to the City of London, while firmly retaining a left-wing and radical approach not only to its institutions but to politics generally.

Born in Finchley, the son of Edith Summerskill, doctor, leading feminist and Labour MP, and of Jeffrey Samuel, also a general practitioner, he was educated at St Paul's School and at Merton College, Oxford, typically attributing his achievement of an open scholarship there in history to an essay on "Enthusiasm".

A burning energy became a leitmotif of his life, leading to some considerable achievements but causing frustration where his reach exceeded his grasp. After serving in the Intelligence Corps and as an officer in the Royal Army Education Corps in Germany, he abandoned history at Oxford and read law, winning the Winter Williams Law Scholarship. He was chairman of the Labour Club, being succeeded by his friend Shirley Catlin (later Williams). A frequent performer in the Oxford Union, where he was once described as a witty speaker in the best "Eight Week tradition", he was less comfortable in the political arena. It was left to his sister Shirley to follow in their mother's footsteps by becoming a Labour MP.

Nor did he ever feel at home in conventional male environments, such as London clubs, and he derived considerable satisfaction from defying their codes and customs. A male feminist long before it became fashionable, he in 1950 courageously advocated the admission of women to the Oxford Union and, later, to the Baltic Exchange. In 1951, on his last day at Oxford, he married a fellow student, Florence Elliott, daughter of a Labour Party associate of his mother, Sidney Elliott, who had been a wartime editor of the *Evening Standard* and went on to become editor of the *Daily Herald*. Divorced in 1967, they had three children.

In 1952 he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple, winning the Harmsworth Scholarship and the Robert Garraway Rice Pupillage Prize. He joined leading shipping and commercial chambers, where he was the pupil, successively, of John Megaw and John Donaldson. At the same time he lectured for the Workers' Educational Association. In 1953 he took his BCL externally at Oxford.

But it was the City that was ultimately to win his allegiance. In 1956 he joined Thos R. Miller & Son, managers of the world's largest shipowners' mutual insurance association, covering owners' third party risks. He relished the fact that it was a non-profit-making association.

There followed for him 30 years of turbulent activity. In his business life he succeeded in increasing, with his colleagues, the number of ships covered by his firm, visiting especially France, Greece and the Soviet Union, where he helped to secure the insurance of the first Soviet fleet. He also found time to be a busy maritime arbitrator, and was president of the London Maritime Arbitrators' Association from 1983-85. He must have been the only person to have been simultaneously a committee member both of Soho's Colony Room club and of the London Maritime Arbitrators' Association.

Having in the 1950s compiled, with the help of his first wife, *The Penguin Dictionary of Politics*, he wrote a book entitled *Laytime* on aspects of shipping law, which ran into four editions and has been described as a classic of its kind; he also produced a book entitled *Oil Rigs*, dealing with their chartering and insurance. As a publisher in his own right he went on to bring out *China on the Western Front*, his story of the Chinese labourers recruited by the British during the First World War. Yet what might have been his most solid work — a long-planned biography of his mother — never got to the final manuscript stage and passed into other hands.

In 1979, while in New York establishing an office for his firm and after the collapse of his second marriage which had lasted only two years, he met Maryly La Follette, a collateral descendant of the radical Wisconsin politician, Robert Marion La Follette, and of the feminist, Suzanne La Follette. Having found a combination of background which matched his own, he married her in 1983.

In 1988 Summerskill contracted cancer. He left his firm, taking the opportunity to become a successful full-time arbitrator, undertaking civil as well as maritime arbitrations. He also wrote and privately published *The Group 1954-1960: A Time of Hope*, the story of a group of graduates, mostly from Oxford, who in the years after the defeat of the Attlee postwar Government met to discuss Labour politics. It was a distinguished collection of young men — including, as it did, such figures as Gordon Borrie, Bill Rodgers, Peter Shore, Dick Taverne and Ronald Waterhouse.

He took up the study of the saxophone. After 1983 he spent much of his time in the Scottish Borders, where he enjoyed his cottage, and in northern Burgundy where he had a second home. He loved French life, wine and food.

He is survived by his third wife and by two daughters and a son of his first marriage.

RAUL JULIA

Raul Julia, actor, died in New York following a stroke on October 24 aged 54. He was born in Puerto Rico, on March 9, 1940.



RAUL JULIA was a versatile actor, singer and dancer, fluent in English and Spanish, who spent twenty years building up a solid career on the New York stage before being unexpectedly thrust into the limelight by one low-budget film, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (1985). Even those working enthusiastically on the project from the start had to admit that the film's subsequent box-office success appeared to be the most extraordinary fluke, particularly for a work which, it had been hoped, might at best appeal to South American film buffs and gay audiences.

Based on a novel by Manuel Puig, the action was set in a Latin American jail, and focused on a claustrophobic love story between two apparently mismatched cellmates, one a day-dreaming homosexual (played by William Hurt), the other a political prisoner (Raul Julia). Hurt, playing the more sympathetic character, won the Oscar that year for best actor, but Julia was able to capitalise on his rise to fame in the decade that followed with lucrative parts in large-scale Hollywood productions, the most visible of these being *The Addams Family* (1990).

The son of a restaurateur, Raul Julia was born and educated in San Juan, Puerto Rico. His stage debut was in a school play at the age of five, after which he determined to be an actor. In his last year at San Juan University, he joined a five-man cabaret, "The Lamplighters". A visiting American impresario saw the show, liked Julia and encouraged him to try his luck in New York.

This he did, and by his early twenties he was picking up various parts on and off Broadway. He was particularly encouraged by the founder of the New York Shakespeare Festival, Joe Papp, who took Julia on as a house manager for an unorthodox production of *Hamlet* before offering him various walk-on parts. These led to Proteus in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Edmund in *King Lear*, Mac the Knife in Brecht's *Threepenny Opera*, Lopakhin in *The Cherry Orchard* and Othello.

Meanwhile, though he saw his future largely in classical theatre, he took small roles in various films — *Eyes of Laura Mars* (1978), *One From the Heart* and *The Escape Artist* (both in 1982) — before being offered *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. Julia liked the script so much on first reading that he reluctantly agreed to act in it without being paid, in exchange for a share in the film's profits, having little confidence that the American public would feel the same way. He was always quietly amazed at its subsequent success — "*even* in Mississippi, can you believe it" — and the changes this wrought in his life.

Afterwards Hollywood beckoned more enthusiastically. Julia supported Jane Fonda in *The Morning After* (1986) and Harrison Ford in the excellent courtroom drama *Presumed Innocent* (1990). The part for which he was probably best known, recently, was as Morticia's husband *Gomez in the heavy-handed* but commercially successful film version of Charles Addams cartoon strip, *The Addams Family* (1991), and its sequel *Addams Family Values* (1993). With his sad brown eyes and exotically foreign air, Julia certainly looked the part. But he had, too, the sort of velvety voice which added a frisson to the most infantile jokes: "He has my father's eyes", purrs Gomez at his new baby. "Gomez, take them away from him," retorts Morticia.

Though Julia was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, he insisted that filming on his last project, *Chico*, should not be interrupted in any way. He was married for the past twenty years to a former dancer and actress, Meryl; they had a son.

TRENCH VIEW OF ZEPPELIN RAIDS

An officer in the Berkshires writes:—

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Fraud affecting consent in rape

Regina v Linekar

Before Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Morland and Mrs Justice Steel

[Judgment October 21]

In cases of alleged rape the only types of fraud which vitiated consent were *frauds as to the* nature of the act itself or as to the identity of the person who did the act.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Gareth Linekar against his conviction in September 1993 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Coombe and a jury) of rape for which he was sentenced by way of a combination order to two years probation and 100 hours community service.

Mr Jonathan Markson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Timothy Spencer for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND, giving the judgment of the court, said that the complainant was a woman of 30 who worked occasionally as a prostitute. On the evening in question she was working as such near a cinema in Streatham.

The appellant approached her and a fee of £25 was negotiated. They had sexual intercourse on the balcony of a block of flats and then the appellant made off without paying.

The complainant knocked at a nearby door. She appeared distressed and nearly naked and complained she had been raped. The police were alerted and the appellant was arrested. He told a number of lies regarding his involvement.

The Crown case, based on the evidence of the complainant, was that she would never have agreed to sexual intercourse unless she was paid in advance and a condom was used. The appellant had done neither but had forced himself upon her despite her struggles.

The appellant's defence was that she was not telling the truth and her complaint was motivated by mercenary reasons. In the course of cross-examination of the complainant a question arose as to whether the complainant's consent to sexual intercourse was vitiated by the appellant's decision not to pay her.

The judge ruled that if intercourse was obtained by fraud the complainant could not be said to have been consenting to it. The jury were so directed and requested to indicate the basis upon which they convicted, if they did so.

By a majority of eleven to one they found the appelant guilty on the basis that the complainant's *consent was vitiated by the fraud.* The judge asked for that special verdict for sentencing purposes.

Their Lordships were of the view that the recommendation of the Criminal Law Revision Committee in its *Working Paper on Sexual Offences* of 1980, paragraphs 20-25 under the heading "Consent in Rape", that the only types of fraud which could vitiate consent in a case of rape were frauds as to the *nature of the act itself* or as to the identity of the person doing the act, did indeed represent the law as it was now was and had probably been for over a century.

The commission also recommended that all other cases of *fraud should be dealt with under* section 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956, the procurement of a woman by false pretences.

Their Lordships considered a number of cases including *R v Flattery* ((1877) 2 QBD 410), *R v Williams* ([1923] 1 KB 340), *R v Barrow* ((1868) LR 1 CCR 156) and *R v Dee* ((1884) 15 Cox CC 579).

In their judgment, the *ratio* of *Dee* was that it was the absence of consent and not the existence of fraud which made it rape. *Dee* was *followed in 1885 by the Criminal* Law Amendment Act, section 3(2) of which foreshadowed section 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956.

In the case of *R v Clarence* ((1888) 22 QBD 23, 27) Mr Justice Willis had said: "That consent obtained *by fraud is no* consent at all is not true as a general proposition either in fact or in law." Mr Justice Stephens had said (at p44): "the only sorts of fraud which so far destroy the effect of a woman's consent as to convert a connection consented to in fact into a rape are frauds as to the nature of the act itself, or as to the identity of the person who does the act ... consent in such cases does not exist at all because the act consented to is not the act done." Those two sentences applied to the facts of this case.

The Australian case of *Papadimitropoulos v R* ([1956] CLR 249, 260) was also highly persuasive where the court had said: "It must be noted that in considering whether an apparent consent is unreal it is the mistake or misapprehension that makes it so. It is not the fraud producing the mistake which is material so much as the mistake itself."

Applying those dicta to the facts of the present case, it was clear that the prostitute had consented to sexual intercourse with the appellant. The reality of that consent had not been destroyed by the appellant's pretence that he would pay her.

If anything, the appellant was guilty of an offence under section 3 of the 1956 Act but that alternative was not put before the jury.

Accordingly the appeal would be allowed and the conviction quashed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Youth Division.

Lessor cannot challenge own case

G. S. Fashions Ltd v B & Q plc

Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment October 19]

A lessor could not, after (a) serving a writ electing to claim forfeiture and (b) the tenant's acceptance in his defence of the lessor's entitlement to forfeiture, claim that the lease was not forfeit and enforce covenants therein against the tenant. Nor was the position affected by reason of a mistake on the part of the lessor as to the existence of a breach at the date of service of the writ.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division, delivered in open court after a hearing in chambers, when dismissing the appeal of G. S. Fashions Ltd, the lessor, against the ruling under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court by Master Moncaster on May 19, 1994 that a lease of retail premises granted by the lessor and assigned to B & Q plc, the tenant, had been determined by service of the lessor's specially endorsed writ.

Mr David Mayall for the lessor; Mr Jonathan Gaunt, QC and Mr Alistair Craig for the tenant.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that, on the agreed statement *of facts, the tenant had* covenanted in common form against assigning, subletting or parting with possession of the premises without the consent of the lessor and that there was a proviso for re-entry in the event of a breach of covenant.

In anticipation of obtaining the lessor's consent to an assignment, the tenant granted a licence to the proposed assignee to use, in common with the tenant and others, the premises for the purpose of storing stock in trade.

The lessor soon found out that the proposed assignee was in occupation of the premises and complained to the tenant, alleging that the proposed assignee was trading from the premises, and requiring a cessation of trading, *with the threat of proceedings in* default.

The tenant denied that the proposed assignee was trading or that there had been any assignment or sublease but was not asked whether, nor denied that it *had parted with parted with* possession.

The lessor had then served a notice under section 146 of the Law of Property Act 1925 specifying as the alleged breach that the tenant had allowed the proposed assignee *to take occupation without the* lessor's consent.

Thereafter the lessor served on the tenant a specially endorsed writ alleging that the tenant had assigned or let or parted with possession of the premises without *consent and that the lease had* been forfeit. The writ also sought possession and mesne profits from the date of service.

On receipt of the writ the tenant decided to accept the forfeiture and required the proposed assignee to leave the premises.

By its defence in the forfeiture proceedings it admitted parting *with possession by permitting the* proposed assignee into possession for the purpose of storage only, averred that the proposed assignee continued in occupation pursuant to the licence after the period specified in the licence had expired *and admitted the lessor's entitle*ment to forfeiture and possession.

Thereafter, the lessor had had second thoughts about the desirability of obtaining forfeiture and had sought in the proceedings to challenge its own entitlement to forfeit.

In the alternative it had argued that it had made a mistake in thinking that there had been a parting with possession and that the tenant had induced that mistake by not revealing the true *position regarding the occupation* of the proposed assignee before proceedings were issued.

In *Jones v Carter* ((1846) 15 M & W 718, 726) Baron Parke had said that the bringing of an ejectment for a forfeiture and *serving it on the lessee in pos*session had to be considered as the exercise of the lessor's option to determine the lease and that the option was exercised once for all. He had added that it would be unjust to permit the landlord again to change his mind and hold the tenant responsible for any breach of duty after that time.

The authorities did not consider the question before his Lordship, namely whether the principle stated by Baron Parke precluded the lessor, who had served a writ making an unequivocal election to forfeit from subsequently setting up the invalidity of his act of forfeiture, in particular, after the tenant had pleaded his admission of the breach and of the lessor's entitlement to forfeit.

The lessor had by its writ pleaded a breach of the covenant against parting with possession and made an immediate election to forfeit. That was the equivalent of peaceably re-entering and taking possession.

When the tenant in its defence admitted the breach, the forfeiture and the lessor's right to possession, it seemed to his Lordship that the forfeiture effected by service of the writ no longer remained open to *challenge or question by the lessor.*

As a matter of principle, the situation was analogous to that where one contracting party wrongly purported to treat the contract as discharged by the breach of the other party. The *other would then be entitled to* treat that itself as a wrongful repudiation and accept it as discharging the contract.

Moreover, as a matter of justice, after a lessor had made his election and the tenant had accepted the new relationship of landowner and trespasser thereby created, the tenant should not be required to face the risk of a change of mind by the lessor, justified by second thoughts as to his entitlement to take the draconian course of forfeiture, with such far reaching consequences for the tenant, by revisiting questions as to the sufficiency of the section 146 notice or the existence of the breach of covenant.

Those matters were to be fully investigated before the writ was issued, let alone served.

As to the question of mistake, his Lordship did not see any basis for the lessor's allegation that the tenant knew well, when serving its defence, that the lessor was acting under a mistaken belief that a breach involving a parting with possession had occurred.

There was, in any event, no reason why such knowledge should have precluded service of a defence which accepted a valid forfeiture and assented to the lessor's act of forfeiture having full effect.

The lessor's contention that its election to forfeit did not bind it because made under a mistake of fact as to the existence of a breach of covenant was to be rejected: it would be remarkable if a lessor could in any case avoid the consequence of an act of forfeiture by subsequently bringing to light the existence of a mistake inducing the decision to forfeit.

While it was well established that a mistake as to the full facts *might* preclude a waiver, there was no requirement of knowledge of facts or absence of mistake for a valid and binding decision to exercise a contractual right such as forfeiture of a lease or the exercise of any other contractual option.

His Lordship emphasised that the instant decision was limited in its effect in that his Lordship was concerned only with the rights *inter se* of lessor and tenant: confirmation of a forfeiture by a tenant alone might not prejudice the entitlement of a sub-tenant or mortgagee to challenge its validity and accordingly to maintain the continued subsistence of their interests.

Moreover, his Lordship was not considering the position where, after service of the writ, the tenant in its defence denied the entitlement to forfeit.

It seemed to his Lordship that, in such a case, the lessor should be able to concede and agree the tenant's contention and on that basis withdraw *his claim* to forfeiture.

A lessor could avoid the situation arising by claiming in the alternative in his writ forfeiture and relief which presupposed the continued existence of the lease, *leaving his* election between remedies to the trial.

His Lordship wished to make it clear that those acting for the lessor in the proceedings had not been instructed at the time the proceedings were served.

Solicitors: Edge & Ellison, Leicester; Hepherd, Winstanley & Pugh, Southampton.

Brother's deportation appeal irrelevant

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Yasim (Mohammed)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord *Justice Mann and Lord Justice* Rose

[Judgment October 21]

The rejection by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal of an applicant's appeal against a deportation order was not to be quashed because of failure by the tribunal to take into account the successful outcome of an appeal brought by the applicant's brother against a deportation order made in similar circumstances against him.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from Mr Justice Popplewell (*The Times* December 8, 1993) who had granted an application in judicial review proceedings brought by Mohammed Yasim to quash the rejection by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal of his appeal against a deportation order and had remitted the appeal to the tribunal for further hearing.

Miss Clare Montgomery for the tribunal; Mr Ian MacDonald, QC, for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the applicant, a citizen of Pakistan, was granted indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom in 1980. In 1985 the applicant and his brother were convicted of drug offences. He was sentenced to four years imprisonment and his brother to five.

In December 1988 notices of intention to make deportation orders under section 3(5)(b) of the Immigration Act 1971 were served by the secretary of state on both men and both appealed. The appeals were listed for hearing on June 12, 1990 when the applicant's case was adjourned.

The brother's appeal proceeded and on August 22 was allowed by reference to compassionate circumstances.

At the hearing of the applicant's appeal on August 10 before a differently constituted tribunal no *reference was made to the broth*er's appeal or to the pending decision. No application to adjourn to await the result was made and on September 28 the tribunal dismissed the applicant's appeal, being unaware of the decision in *the brother's case.*

The judge when quashing the tribunal's decision said that "a tribunal is entitled to take into account how a co-accused has been dealt with by a tribunal in dealing with another applicant ... It is *difficult ... to believe that had this* tribunal known of what happened to the brother they would not have taken it into some account in deciding on this application."

Mr MacDonald did not now contend, as he had before the judge, that the tribunal had a duty to enquire into the outcome of the brother's appeal. Relying on the Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules ([1990] HC 251), he argued that in considering whether deportation was the right course the principle in rule 162 that "the aim is an exercise of the power of deportation that is consistent and fair as between one person and another..." should be applied.

Of course decisions should be *consistent: there should be a* consistent application of principles and of the rules.

But it was not to be forgotten that personal circumstances were infinitely peculiar, as in this case the brother lived here with his *girlfriend and their child, factors* that were absent in the applicant's case. If situations were precisely similar then the consistency argument might have something to be said for it but it had no substance in the instant case.

Miss Montgomery cited the House of Lords decision in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Al Mehdawi* ([1990] 1 AC 876) that a party to a dispute who had lost the opportunity to have his case heard through the default of his own advisers to whom he entrusted the conduct of the dispute on his behalf could not complain that he had been the victim of a procedural impropriety or that natural justice has been denied him. In particular she relied on Lord Bridge of Harwich (at pp898E and 900C).

Mr MacDonald sought to distinguish as a matter of principle the instant case from *Al Mehdawi* by reliance on *R v Leyland Justices, Ex parte Hawthorn* ([1979] QB 283). He failed to do. Miss Montgomery's submissions were well founded and the appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Rose agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; B. M. Birnberg & Co, Lambeth.

Justices wrong to accept pleas

Regina v Cheshire Justices, Ex parte Simrok
Regina v South Sefton Justices, Ex parte Chorley
Regina v Cheshire Justices, Ex parte Burgess
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Regina v Rhuddlan Justices, Ex parte Roseki

Where in three separate trials earlier in the year the defendants in each case had been acquitted of the offence of driving with excess alcohol in the blood, where the facts were materially similar to the facts of each of the seven applications in the instant hearing, the applicants would have been left with a sense of grievance if their convictions too had not been quashed; it was fair therefore to quash the applicants' convictions too.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Gage) so held on October 5, when quashing the convictions of each of the seven applicants, for driving with excess alcohol in the blood.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that in the cases of each of the seven applicants, the police in question had failed to comply with the procedure laid down by the House of Lords in *DPP v Warren* ([1993] AC 319) by demanding a specimen of blood without any reference to the possibility of supplying urine as an alternative.

The justices who heard the cases in the courts below had been *wrong to accept the applicants'* pleas of guilty.

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Unlike the rest of us, the young are not afraid of the electronic future — and of spending large parts of their lives in front of screens

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BRENDA MADDOX

Complaints Bulletin No 45 of the Broadcasting Standards Council is up to standard. This monthly charge-sheet of accusations from outraged viewers and listeners would rank even higher on my reading list if it included pictures. How old are plaintiffs like Mr Grundy of Ayrshire, who reported David Frost for laughing at a newspaper story about a puppy flushed down a toilet? Or Mrs MacGregor of the Borders, who found sado-masochistic overtones in an advertisement for Tennant's Lager?

The BSC bulletin's main function is to reveal how Britain has become two nations: one old, one young, with entirely different languages and boundaries. The trouble for broadcasters is that they must somehow address both at once. A mass audience, even on Radio 1, inevitably includes large numbers from every age group.

The BBC in particular is reluctant to accept what the statistics are telling it — that it is, overall, addressing the older of the two nations. So what if the majority of the younger audience prefers the commercial option? They will become middle-aged in time and be glad that Radio 2, *Martin Chuzzlewit* and *Songs of Praise* are there.

But no. The BBC refuses to accept age gracefully. Like Aschenbach in *Death in Venice*, it is rouging its cheeks in vain pursuit of youth. Did I say cheeks? The nudge-nudge anatomical jokes uttered by Ruby Wax on Sunday night on BBC1 in her interview with Madonna seemed to epitomise the Beeb's desperate attempt to be included among the unshockable young. To me, the spectacle was obscene. But that may only demonstrate that some time has indeed passed since my own children learned joined-up writing.

The generation game now being played across broadcasting is called "improving the age profile". The object is to increase the under-35s and lower the over-55s. Thanks to strenuous rejuvenation efforts with plot and characters, for example, Yorkshire Television's *Emmerdale Farm* reached the ITV top ten every week during the first six months of 1994, with average audiences over 11 million.

But the difference between the generations is not merely in taste but in living habits. Conventional wisdom has consigned morning television to golden-oldies and housewives. Other adults have traditionally felt guilty about viewing during the day. Anyone who has ever appeared on daytime television will know the profuse and exotic excuses offered by those who blunder into admitting that they saw the programme: "caught it in a hotel lobby on my way to lunch": "home with 'flu", etc. For them, television remains as it was in their childhoods, an evening pastime; daytime is for work.

But today's young, accustomed to 24-hour-a-day television, are free from this guilt. There is a new bulge of young adults among the BBC1 mid-morning viewers (students particularly seem to be heavy component.) This group is now flicking on the set in such numbers that 30 per cent of the audience for *Good Morning with Anne and Nick* is between the ages of 16 and 34. Only about 32 per cent are over 65. Not surprisingly, the programme's agenda is giving more time to diet, fitness and alternative medicine.

This increased morning viewing among the young is reflected even more strongly in figures for all channels, including satellite. Research figures for one week in May show that only a quarter of the total morning audience was over 65, while 14 per cent were between four and 15.

The biggest generation gap of all may, in fact, be between the very young and the rest. Some startling findings recently from Beth Barry, head of consumer research for the advertising agency, Ogilvy Mather, revealed two distinct age groups: one which feels guilty, anxious and uncomfortable about the convergence of the television screen and the work screen, and one which does not. And the divide between the two lies around the ages of 15 and 16.

Those in late teenage, Barry reports, share more attitudes with their parents than with their 13-to-14-year-old brothers and sisters. That is, they instinctively push apart the two very different parts of their lives, work and play, represented by the computer and the television screen.

These older conservatives recoil from having work invading their home. They do not want to watch movies on their computer nor work interactively with their television. And they worry about waste: having too many unwatched channels and tapes leads, says Barry, to "a guilt trip — similar to buying too much food at the supermarket and throwing it away when it goes rotten".

They worry about the future of society if the world is experienced through solitary interaction with a screen and keyboard. What will happen to shopping, to outdoor sports, to friendship? Barry fearlessly spells out the inevitable direction of the electronic game: "Why make love to your husband or wife," she asks, "when you can go to bed with Richard Gere or Cindy Crawford (or both)?"

That 17 and 18-year-olds should share their parents' apprehensions about the electronic future is remarkable because, unlike their parents, they are not hampered by techno-fear. But which way will the 13 and 14-year-olds will go?

Perhaps they will mature into the guilt anxieties held by their parents and older brothers and sisters. Or they could become a new race of electronic hermits. Or perhaps — Barry allows — they will assimilate the multi-screen options into ordinary life and simply take what they want.

Alexandra Frean talks to two men who are challenging the British film industry



Ruaidhri Conroy, left, and Ian Hart in *Clockwork Mice*, a "six-Kleenex film" set in a special needs school

Made in Britain to fit the screen

Vadim Jean and Paul Brooks believe they have the next *Four Weddings and a Funeral* on their hands. They have a deal for a 50-cinema theatrical release in the West End and major British cities for their new film, *Clockwork Mice*. The British television rights have been snapped up and their distributor, the Feature Film Company, is already forecasting that the video version will become a cult classic, along the lines of *Chariots of Fire* and *Gregory's Girl*.

It all sounds rather ambitious for a film about maladjusted children, shot in Chipping Ongar in Essex for roughly the same cost of a television costume drama. But so confident are Jean (the director) and Brooks (the executive producer) in their creation, that they have decided to delay its release until the Cannes film festival next May, in the near-certainty that it will win a prize. They are also hoping to get *Clockwork Mice* onto cinema screens in the United States before it reaches the rest of the world, to build up international publicity in the same way that Mike Newell's *Four Weddings and a Funeral* did.

Jean and Brooks's optimism that they are making a box-office hit is matched only by the depth of their cynicism about what they call the Hampstead set of "has-beens" and "wannabees" who purport to run what is left of the domestic film business. They are of an emerging school of British film industrialists who believe that art has seduced reason too often in the domestic market. If only 18 of the 47 British films made in 1992 made their way into cinemas, it is not because of the alleged cartel operated by a handful of largely American-owned distributors and cinema chains, they say, but because many of the films were "crap".

In *Clockwork Mice* they aim to create an unashamedly commercial film that is both dripping with heart-on-the-sleeve emotion, full of the kind of feel-good optimism that leaves cinema audiences bristling with enthusiasm for life, and blatantly derivative (they have pinched some of the sound track from *Dead Poets' Society*). To hell with art and politics: this, says Brooks, is "an emotionally cranked-up six-Kleenex film" — Merchant Ivory with yobs instead of nobs.

While all the hype looks very good on paper, the difficulty with such an approach must surely be in avoiding the temptation for self-parody. Audiences will have to wait until its cinema release next year to find out.

The film, written by ex-teacher Rod Woodruff, tells the tale of the relationship between a teacher (played by Ian Hart, star of *Backbeat*) at a special needs school and one of his pupils (played by 15-year-old Ruaidhri Conroy). There is a parallel story of love between Hart and another teacher (Catherine Russell). Other leading characters are played by Claire Skinner, Nigel Planer, John Alderton and James Bolam. For the benefit of American audiences, perhaps, the cast also includes Art Malik, who recently featured in Arnold Schwarzenegger's latest hit film, *True Lies* — purportedly the most expensive movie ever made.

"We are trying to play the Americans at their own game. This will be a very polished film, but it will not be driven by artistic imperatives, it will be driven by a desire to reach audiences," Brooks says. The film will have an epic feel, with plenty of studied wide shots of enormous skies and rolling fields. "We are not interested in making the kind of film about three men in a kitchen discussing Einstein that makes the audience want to slit their wrists."

Jean adds: "We will probably be criticised because this film is not making points about the needs of special schools education. There is no political message in it."

Clockwork Mice is being made on a budget of £1.3 million — chicken feed by Hollywood standards, but considerably more than Jean and Brooks's first, award-winning film *Leon the Pig Farmer*, which they were able to make on an initial cash outlay of just £130,000 because many of the cast, crew and suppliers agreed to defer payments for the remaining £670,000 in costs. (Most of the deferred creditors still have not been paid two years on.)

British Screen Finance, a grant-aided private body, has put up between 40 and 50 per cent of the budget in return for an equity stake, which will entitle it to a percentage of any profits, with the Birmingham-based film development company, Winchester Multimedia, investing just under 10 per cent on a similar basis. BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, is contributing around 8 per cent of the budget to secure the British television rights to 12 showings of the film 18 months after its theatrical release. The remaining money has come from private investors, who have put in between £1,000 and £50,000. Some of them invested in *Leon the Pig Farmer* and the duo's second film *Beyond Bedlam*; others wrote out cheques after Brooks handed out prospectuses for the film to passers-by at the entrance to Charing Cross station in London on Christmas Eve.



Optimists: Jean, left, and Brooks

Jean and Brooks will each take a fee of "less than £30,000", plus a "very small" percentage of eventual profits, should any arise. Other costs have been pared right down. By sheer fluke the production team stumbled upon a disused boarding school for children with special needs in Essex. It was cheap to rent and still had its former pupils' drawings on the walls.

The financing of *Clockwork Mice* is typical of a new structural approach to funding low-budget films in Britain in which costs are stripped out from potential revenue from distribution rights and licensing deals, before the film is made and virtually in isolation from the film's content. Ticket sales are almost an afterthought and the cinema showing is little more than a glorified shop window. A film costing £1 million would need to take more than £4 million at the box office just to cover the initial investment, cuts to exhibitors, VAT, prints and promotion.

The spectacle of two rising stars of the industry hanging around on street corners and knocking on doors in the search of relatively insignificant sums of cash is distinctly unedifying and both Brooks and Jean agree that "it shouldn't have to be like this". They also believe, however, that British filmmakers cannot expect much better until they can prove, on a regular basis, that they are able to make commercially successful films to order.

Jean, who has just finished shooting a 40-second beer commercial on a £180,000 budget, is optimistic that this can be made to happen.

"There are around 14 films in production in the UK at the moment — four or five are American, the rest are British. It is creating tremendous opportunities for the industry. One third of the people working on *Clockwork Mice* have never worked on a feature film before. A new generation of film-makers is learning the trade," he says.

A royal relaunch for the family firm

Alan Mitchell on how the disastrous brand management of the House of Windsor can be put right

The Prince of Wales has told advisers that he intends to create a new royal house of Mountbatten-Windsor after he is crowned, according to a report in *The Sunday Times* based on the new book on the Prince by Jonathan Dimbleby. Yet will a new brand name help the increasingly tarnished image of the House of Windsor? Few marketing experts believe that it will.

Name changes are a classic tactic of identity management. Properly handled, they attract publicity that sends a positive message about a fresh start. But most marketers agree that considering the brand management disaster of the royal family over the past few years, whatever name the royals call themselves is of little consequence.

So what do the marketing experts advise? Three changes. First, take a leaf out of John Major's book and get back to basics. We've had royals as architectural critics, soap-opera stars and supermodels. Now refocus public attention on the Queen, because she is the one who embodies values such as duty, integrity, tradition and continuity. "There are too many distractions from the Queen," says John Banks, chairman of Banks Hoggins O'Shea, the advertising agency whose clients include the Prince's Trust.

Second, rein in errant sub-brands Charles and Diana because they are, as Mr Allen puts it, "completely at odds with the master brand represented by the Queen". If you can, silence them. Exclusive brands do not market themselves through the tabloids, and the sub-brands' penchant for direct communication, even squabbling, via the mass media is not appropriate. Instead, resurrect old-fashioned good works and stage-managed walkabouts.

It is standard crisis management to withdraw faulty goods from public circulation, let bad publicity pass and create time to prepare for a relaunch, points out Dorothy MacKenzie of Dragon International, the marketing and design consultants. That is what should happen now with Charles and Diana. In due course, he could be repositioned as a "flanker brand" of the future ("more aspirational and less ubiquitous, a thinking man's king") and Diana as an export brand, to sell Britain abroad.

Third, start selling the benefits of the monarchy. Discreetly use PR to get the media talking about constitutional stability, prestige abroad and the tourist income the monarchy brings. "Nobody has really explained in everyday language why we need the monarchy," says Simon Avison, of New Solutions, the marketing consultants. "For example, do we really want Mr Major to be President?"

Such a marketing strategy is, of course, easier planned than executed. When you are dealing with personal feelings, it gets difficult, as Mr Allen accepts. Second, it all depends on the Queen exerting the necessary authority over her son and his wife. "In many ways she is at fault for not treating the monarchy as a brand and mapping out its future," says Quentin Bell, from the public relations firm of the same name.

Here, marketers divide. Some, like Mr Bell, see the monarchy's problems in terms of communication alone. In retrospect, the current traumas could be seen as a crucial part of the remoulding of the British monarchy, he suggests. "People are confusing mystique with secrecy. Today's consumers expect people to speak honestly, and once the current furore is over Charles's image will be enhanced."

But others doubt the product's continuing relevance. Perhaps the things the monarchy once stood for simply don't fit the modern world, suggests Mr Avison. Moray Maclennan, managing director of Saatchi & Saatchi, puts it more subtly: perhaps the brand's core values are no longer as obvious as they once were. A key attribute of a royal family, for example, is that "it is above question". This is shattered as soon as the press starts questioning it.

Offered the post of marketing director of the monarchy, some marketers declined it as a dead loss. But most still see potential. "The monarchy can be resurrected," says Mac Cato, an American image man who lives in Britain. "It stands for a head of state removed from the cut and thrust of politics, and for great continuity at a time of great change. We want the concept but we just don't want this execution."



Marketing advice: silence the "errant sub-brands", Charles and Diana, and focus on the Queen's reliability

An evening with Joseph Heller



IN 1961, Joseph Heller achieved fame and fortune with the publication of *Catch-22*, his Second World War black-comedy blockbuster. Now, 33 years later, he has written the sequel to one of the most successful novels of the century. Joseph Heller will be talking about his new book, *Closing Time*, to Melvyn Bragg at a *Times*/Dillons Forum.

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Independent television scores well in the repeats

GIVEN ITV's general aversion to repeating programmes in its peaktime schedule, BBC1 might be expected to dominate any league table of repeats. In fact, during the week beginning October 3 there was not much to distinguish the two channels: 9 per cent of BBC1's total hours were repeats, compared with 7 per cent of ITV's output.

It is not difficult to see why ITV and its advertisers do not, in principle, favour repeats. Only one programme in this week's television ratings chart, BBC1's Australian soap opera *Neighbours*, achieves an audience above 10 million. This, however, is not what many viewers would regard as a repeat, as it is the second showing of the same programme in one day. The same applies to other soaps in the list, which are either shown twice on one day or in one week.

In the light of the strong criticism it received last year over the amount of repeats of old programmes in its schedules, the Corporation says its main priority now is to bring back only those programmes for which there is a perceived demand. It is a policy which appears to work best with children's shows, which rarely make it into ratings charts.

Grange Hill (repeated from last January) and *Byker Grove* (a rerun of last autumn's series) do particularly well. The BBC has a habit of repeating recent series of its children's popular dramas throughout the summer and early autumn in the immediate run up to the release of new batch of episodes later in the year. The reruns help build up enthusiasm for the fresh series in the autumn when there are more viewers and when audiences for *Grange Hill* and *Byker Grove* often top six million.

Grange Hill is set in a comprehensive school and has established itself as the definitive children's television drama through its attempts to combine realism with optimism and humour — it abolished the school uniform at a time when most schools were not even contemplating it and termed the GCSE exam the "General Collapse of Secondary Education". As a programme aimed at young people it also has the in-built advantage of being able to renew its audience on a regular basis as one generation of schoolchildren is replaced by the next.

Repeats form a much higher proportion of programmes on the minority channels — 23 per cent of BBC2's output and 21 per cent of Channel 4's. Helped, perhaps, by the cult status they have acquired, BBC2's fantasy space adventure *Red Dwarf* and Channel 4's American sitcom *Roseanne* rank 5th and 13th.

ALEXANDRA FREAN

TIMES TOP 20 REPEATS

October 3 to 10, 1994

	Programme	Day	Time	Chan	Producer	Genre	Aud (Ms)
1	Neighbours	Mon	17.37	BBC1	Grundy International	Soap	10.5
2	Home And Away	Mon	18.01	ITV	Seven Network Aust	Soap	9.2
3	Keeping Up App'ces*	Fri	20.00	BBC	BBC	Sitcom	7.8
4	Hi-De-Hi*	Tue	19.00	BBC1	BBC	Sitcom	6.3
5	Red Dwarf	Fri	21.00	BBC2	Grant Naylor	Sitcom	4.6
6	Grange Hill	Fri	17.10	BBC1	BBC	Childs	3.8
7	Eastenders	Sun	14.24	BBC1	BBC	Soap	3.6
8	Byker Grove	Wed	17.09	BBC1	Zenith North	Childs	3.5
9	Tiny Toon Adventures	Mon	16.26	ITV	Warner Brothers	Childs	3.2
10	Woof!	Wed	16.43	ITV	Central Television	Childs	3.2
11	3 Tenors-1994	Tue	22.17	BBC1	Rudas	Classical	3.1
12	Childrens Ward	Tue	16.43	ITV	Granada Television	Childs	3.0
13	Feast Of Floyd	Wed	20.01	BBC2	BBC South West	Lifestyle	2.9
14	Roseanne	Thu	18.31	CHA4	Carsey-Werner Co	Sitcom	2.7
15	Coronation Street*	Mon	12.58	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	2.5
16	Garfield & Friends	Thu	16.21	ITV	Film Roman Prods	Childs	2.4
17	Sounds Of The 70s	Fri	19.31	BBC2	BBC	Music	2.4
18	The Golden Girls	Fri	21.31	CHA4	Witt/Thomas/Harris	Sitcom	2.3
19	Brookside	Sat	17.59	CHA4	Brookside Prods	Soap	2.3
20	Taz-Mania	Fri	16.30	ITV	Warner Brothers	Childs	2.2

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Grange Hill: reruns from last January have been successful

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NEWS

Public life standards inquiry

■ A far-reaching investigation into standards in public life was announced by John Major as Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, was forced to resign.

Mr Major said that although the report of Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, into the "cash-for-questions" affair had found no evidence of impropriety, other "unconnected allegations" had been made ..... **Pages 1, 2, 3**

Al-Fayed file sent to DPP

■ Anger among Conservatives at the way Mohammed Al Fayed is pursuing an apparent vendetta against the Government erupted in the Commons. Sir Peter Tapsell, asked if the DPP would be "examining whether Mr Al-Fayed should be prosecuted for attempted blackmail". The Prime Minister replied that a file had been sent to the DPP..... **Page 1**

Petrol cancer scare

Super unleaded petrol contains high levels of cancer-causing chemicals and should be banned, MPs urged..... **Pages 1, 8**

Pension hope

Hundreds of thousands of people who were wrongly advised to transfer into personal pension plans stand to receive more than £1 billion in compensation **Page 1**

Head's dilemma

Children at a leading Roman Catholic boys' school will not be given the Government's approved measles and rubella vaccination because their headmaster has moral objections ..... **Page 4**

New Nickell hunt

A team of 12 new police officers have been appointed to the team hunting the killer of Rachel Nickell who was stabbed to death in front of her two-year-old son on Wimbledon Common ..... **Page 5**

NHS trusts attack

Margaret Beckett, in her first major speech as Shadow Health Secretary, accused the Government of abusing its patronage by giving the majority of positions on NHS trust boards as gifts to its own supporters..... **Page 6**

TV play complaint

A television drama which used the Hillsborough football disaster as the background for the stabbing to death of four people was criticised by police.... **Page 6**

Helicopter row

A contract for a new British helicopter for the RAF is expected to get the go-ahead, although senior figures in the air force want to buy off the shelf from the Americans ..... **Page 10**

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Young people are being forced into crime, prostitution and drug dealing as a result of uncoordinated policies and the failure of the Children Act, said childcare agencies ..... **Page 11**

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New evidence indicating a ritualistic-style killing was outlined in an Australian court, where Ivan Milat, who is accused of murdering seven hitch-hikers, is facing committal proceedings ... **Page 12**

Hong Kong law

China has said that it alone will determine the laws in Hong Kong after 1997, making virtually useless years of talks ..... **Page 13**

Security nightmare

Israel's chief of police issued a warning about a planned terrorist attack as today's visit by President Clinton turned into a security nightmare..... **Page 14**

Oil disaster

Oil gushing from a broken pipeline in a remote region of the Russian Arctic has threatened to cause an ecological disaster on the scale of the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska in 1989..... **Page 15**

Private matter for the President

■ Paula Jones, the woman suing President Clinton for sexual harassment, held up a sealed envelope that she said contained an affidavit describing "distinguishing characteristics" of his genital area. Her lawyers said they hoped to file the envelope so that if the characteristics became common knowledge they would be able to prove that she had itemised them ..... **Page 14**

ERIC DRAPER



US troops enjoy a concert by Larry and Rudy Gatlin in Port-au-Prince during a break in their policing of the Haitian capital

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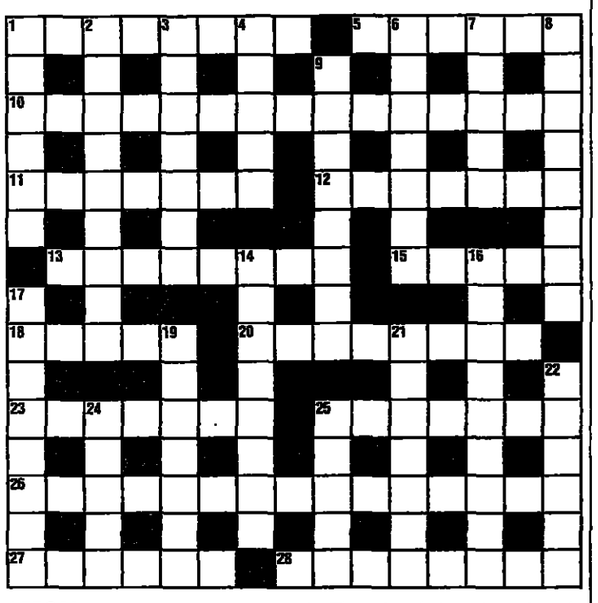
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Solution to Puzzle No 19,682

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Orsay, Strathclyde, 0.34in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, and Herne Bay, Kent, 7.7hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have sunny periods and showers. Wales and other western counties will have the heaviest and most prolonged showers, lasting into the evening.

More sheltered eastern regions will have a dry start, with showers developing later and petering out during the evening.

Any early mist in Scotland, especially in the Highlands, will soon clear and Scotland will have a day of sunny periods and scattered showers. Western counties will have some heavy and prolonged showers but these should die out in the east in the evening. It will feel cool in the breeze.

☐ **London, Central, S E, NE, S, E England, E Anglia, E, W Midlands, England, Borders:** mostly dry and bright with strong periods of sunshine at first but heavy showers will develop later. Wind west to southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S W, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** the day will begin with sunny intervals and showers. Some showers will be heavy and prolonged, lasting late into the evening in most areas. Wind west to southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sun and showers. Wind light and variable. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Argyll, N W Scotland:** sunny intervals and showers, some heavy and prolonged. Wind west to northwesterly, light to moderate. Max 9C (48f).

☐ **Outlook:** showers or longer periods of rain will continue until late on Friday.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.8	0.02	11	52	s	London	7.6	0.01	15	59	s
Anglesey	7.1	0.02	13	55	s	Lowestoft	6.6	-	13	55	s
Aspatria	4.5	-	12	54	sh	Manchester	5.2	0.19	13	55	s
Aviemore	3.1	0.05	10	50	sh	Margate	X	-	14	57	s
Belfast	4.7	-	12	54	b	Minehead	7.1	0.04	15	59	s
Birmingham	4.6	0.03	13	55	sh	Morecambe	4.7	0.04	12	54	sh
Bognor R	7.5	-	15	59	s	Newcastle	3.5	-	12	54	s
Bournem'th	5.7	0.01	15	59	sh	Newquay	5.7	0.08	13	55	sh
Bristol	5.9	-	14	57	s	Norwich	7.0	-	13	55	s
Buxton	6.1	0.20	10	50	s	Nottingham	5.7	-	13	55	s
Cardiff	5.3	0.08	13	55	sh	Oxford	5.6	0.04	13	55	sh
Clacton	7.7	-	14	57	s	Penzance	9.5	0.07	14	57	sh
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	7.1	0.05	14	57	s
Colwyn Bay	5.9	-	13	55	b	Poole	5.5	0.01	16	61	s
Cromer	X					Prestatyn	X	0.07	13	55	b
Doncaster	6.4	-	13	55	s	Ross-o-wye	4.5	-	13	55	s
Eastbourne	5.6	0.02	14	57	sh	Ryde	X	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	7.3	-	12	54	s	Salcombe	5.6	0.04	15	59	b
Eskdalemuir	2.3	0.06	10	50	sh	Sandown	5.0	0.02	14	57	s
Exmouth	4.8	-	15	59	s	Saunin Snd	7.0	0.06	14	57	s
Falmouth	X	-	15	59	c	Scarboro'	6.6	-	12	54	s
Fishguard	5.8	0.12	12	54	sh	Scilly Isles	5.6	0.11	14	57	sh
Folkestone	6.8	0.02	14	57	sh	Shanklin	4.8	0.02	14	57	s
Glasgow	4.8	0.11	11	52	sh	Shrewsbury	5.3	0.02	13	55	b
Guernsey	4.0	0.05	16	61	sh	Skegness	6.1	-	13	55	s
Hastings	6.7	0.21	14	57	s	Southend	5.1	-	14	57	s
Hayling I.	X					Southport	5.3	0.04	13	55	s
Herne Bay	7.7	-	14	57	s	Southsea	6.8	-	14	57	s
Hove	4.1	0.03	14	57	sh	Stornoway	4.8	0.04	10	50	sh
Hunstanton	6.5	-	13	55	s	Swanage	4.9	-	15	59	b
Isle of Man	5.6	-	13	55	b	Teignmouth	6.3	0.01	15	59	sh
Jersey	4.0	0.17	14	57	sh	Tiree	2.0	0.26	11	52	sh
Kinloss	6.4	0.01	12	54	s	Torquay	6.6	-	15	59	s
Leeds	5.4	0.02	12	54	s	Tynemouth	3.5	-	12	54	b
Lerwick	1.5	0.13	10	50	sh	Ventnor	4.9	0.04	14	57	sh
Leuchars	5.4	-	12	54	b	West-s-mare	X	-	-	-	-
Littlehmptn	6.7	-	15	59	s	Weymouth	5.1	0.02	15	59	sh
Liverpool	4.2	0.12	12	54	s	These are Monday's figures.					

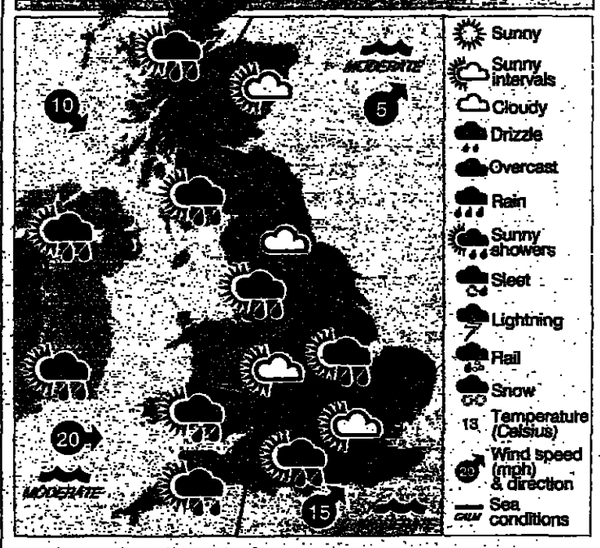
ABROAD

Ajaccio	18	64	r	C'phagn	11	52	f	Majorca	21	70	s
Akrotiri	28	82	f	Corfu	23	73	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Dublin	10	50	s	Malta	23	73	s
Algiers	20	73	f	Faro	22	72	s	Melb'rne	25	77	c
Amst'dm	11	52	r	Florence	14	57	c	Mexico C	21	70	s
Athens	24	75	s	Frankfurt	12	54	f	Miami	30	86	s
Bahrain	29	84	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Milan	17	63	f
Bangkok	28	82	s	Geneva	15	59	c	Montreal	15	59	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Moscow	5	41	c
Barcelona	20	68	s	Helsinki	7	45	c	Munich	14	57	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Hong K	26	79	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	14	57	c	Innsbrck	13	55	s	Naples	17	63	r
Berlin	14	57	s	Istanbul	18	66	f	N Delhi	30	86	s
Bermuda	28	82	s	Jeddah	40	104	s	N York	18	66	s
Biarritz	18	64	f	Jo'burg	25	77	s	Nice	18	64	s
Borde'x	17	63	c	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	8	46	c
Brussels	12	54	f	L Palmas	23	73	c	Paris	13	55	c
Budapst	14	57	f	La Toquet	11	52	f	Peking	18	64	s
B Aires	15	59	r	Lisbon	18	64	r	Perth	19	66	c
Cairo	32	90	s	Locarno	13	55	s	Prague	14	57	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	L Angels	21	70	s	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Chicago	11	52	s	Luxembg	10	50	r	Rhodes	23	73	s
Ch'church	16	61	s	Luxor	38	100	f	Rio de J	29	84	f
Cologne	13	55	s	Madrid	16	61	f	Riyadh	31	88	s

Rome	20	68	f	Salzburg	15	59	s	Stockholm	11	52	c
S Frisco	17	63	s	Santiago	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	15	59	f
S Paulo	22	72	d	Seoul	18	64	s	Sydney	23	73	s
Sing'por	32	90	c	Shrdwtr	11	52	c	Tangier	23	73	s
Tel Aviv	31	88	s	Tenerife	23	73	f	Tokyo	18	64	c
Toronto	11	52	s	Tunis	25	77	f	Valencia	22	72	s
Vanc'ver	11	52	s	Venice	18	64	f	Vienna	15	59	s
Warsaw	8	46	r	Washtn	21	70	s	Wellngtn	16	61	s
Zurich	13	55	c								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

OUTLOOK



Changes to the chart below from noon: low K will slowly fill in situ and will become absorbed by low P. Low R should gradually fill as it drifts east



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.09	6.5	5.40	6.2	Liverpool	2.39	8.0	2.57	8.0
Aberdeen	9.07	3.6	5.24	3.6	Lowestoft	12.46	2.3	1.33	2.2
Avonmouth	10.24	10.8	10.46	10.3	Margate	3.07	4.3	3.40	4.2
Belfast	2.34	3.1	2.59	3.3	Milford Haven	9.40	5.8	10.04	5.4
Cardiff	10.07	10.13	10.31	9.62	Newquay	8.33	5.8	9.02	5.6
Devonport	9.08	4.7	9.28	4.5	Oban	9.00	3.4	9.29	3.1
Dover	2.00	6.0	2.17	5.8	Penzance	8.14	4.7	8.38	4.5
Falmouth	8.38	4.5	8.58	4.3	Portland	9.32	1.7	10.10	1.4
Glasgow	4.26	4.4	4.38	4.7	Portsmouth	2.45	4.2	2.56	4.1
Harwich	3.08	3.7	3.36	3.8	Shoreham	2.18	5.3	2.36	5.2
Holyhead	1.48	4.8	2.06	4.8	Southampton	2.16	4.0	2.36	4.0
Hull	9.51	6.12	9.57	6.12	Swansea	9.41	7.8	10.06	7.4
Ilfracombe	8.16	7.60	9.44	7.21	Tees	7.27	4.4	7.45	4.5
King's Lynn	9.53	5.3	10.03	5.4	Wilton-on-Nze	2.59	3.9	3.20	3.7
Leith	8.19	4.8	8.38	4.8					

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SUN & MOON DIARIES

Sun rises: 6.43 am
Sun sets: 4.45 pm
Moon sets: 12.35 pm
Moon rises: 9.55 pm

London 4.45 pm to 8.45 am
Bristol 4.55 pm to 8.54 am
Edinburgh 4.47 pm to 7.08 am
Manchester 4.48 pm to 6.58 am
Penzance 5.10 pm to 7.03 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26 1994

Pension firms face £2bn bill for mis-selling

BY ROBERT MILLER AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE pensions industry faces a compensation bill of up to £2 billion after publication of a damning report by the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator, into pensions mis-selling. Victims of the pensions scandal now face a wait of up to two years to receive compensation.

Many independent financial advisers now face bankruptcy as a result of having to pay compensation, according to Price Waterhouse, the leading accountancy firm.

The SIB, headed by Andrew Large, said that 350,000 personal pension holders will have their cases automatically reviewed. These include people who transferred from occupational schemes into personal pensions or were advised not to join an occupational scheme. Nearly a million more people will be entitled to ask their personal pension provider to review their cases.

The SIB's report says that the pensions industry was guilty of widespread mis-selling and it must now take steps to repair the damage. It calls for people to be restored to former occupational schemes with no loss of benefits or, where that is impossible, for suitable compensation. The review aims to protect life assurance companies from legal action.

Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, which has worked closely with the SIB over the past few months, estimated that the overall cost to the industry could be as much as £2 billion.

Unions representing many of the victims and consumer groups attacked the pensions industry and the SIB. Bill Day, pensions officer of GMB, the general union, said: "It is not good enough to promise compensation in 1997. These policies were sold quickly and the mess should be resolved quickly." Mr Day also called for criminal proceedings to be brought in view of the scale of the "rip-off". Dr John Beishon, director of the Consumers' Association, said: "Even for those cases which will be reviewed, time-scales for compensation have been arranged at the convenience of the insurance industry rather than addressing the harm suffered by individual pension holders."

John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, said: "This whole sorry saga has soiled the reputation of companies that were once household names for probity."

The criticisms were quickly taken up by the Labour Party. Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman said: "The mis-selling of up to 2 million private pensions was the result of a lethal combination of ineffective self-regulation and Government recklessness, which encouraged people to believe that private pensions were always best, no matter what their circumstances."

David Prosser, group chief executive of Legal & General, defended the life assurance companies. "We believe that the SIB is unfairly putting too great a burden of the costs of resolving the issue on the life assurance industry," he said.

But Mr Large rejected accusations that the SIB was being unfair to the industry and that the regulator had failed in its duties. He said: "Poor advice has been given and that advice has to be paid for by the industry which gave that advice." He also warned that the SIB would monitor the review and the way in which pension companies responded.

☐ Mick Newmarch, chief executive of the Prudential Corporation, yesterday sold a parcel of shares in the company, earning himself a profit of more than £200,000. Just hours before the SIB report was published, he executed an option on 208,750 shares at 198.9p each. The shares were then sold in the market for 296p, a profit of 97.1p a share. The Prudential share price closed 4p lower at 298p.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Heads you win: David Whelan, chairman of JJB Sport, left, and Duncan Sharpe, managing director, yesterday

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3000.9	(–28.2)
Yield	4.23%	
FT-SE A All share	1497.74	(–13.02)
Nikkei	19732.15	(–120.22)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3855.63	(+0.33)*
S&P Composite	480.97	(+0.14)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¹¹/₁₆%*	(4¹¹/₁₆%)
Long Bond	93²⁷/₃₂*	(93²⁷/₃₂)
Yield	8.05%*	(8.05%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5¹⁵/₁₆%	(5⁷/₈%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	99²⁰/₃₂	(100⁻⁰¹)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6365*	(1.6325)
London:		
$	1.6360	(1.6289)
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FFr	8.3755	(8.3500)
SFr	2.0401	(2.0286)
Yen	158.63	(158.30)
£ Index	80.7	(80.4)

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London:		
DM	1.4922*	(1.4910)
FFr	5.1085*	(5.1152)
SFr	1.2450*	(1.2427)
Yen	96.85*	(97.15)
$ Index	60.6	(60.8)

Tokyo close Yen 96.76

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan) $16.30 ($16.30)

GOLD

London close $389.35 ($389.50)

* denotes midday trading price

Family side poised to score £13.5m

BY SARAH BAGNALL

DAVID Whelan, the former professional footballer, and his family will make an estimated £13.5 million when JJB Sports, the sports equipment retailer he founded, floats on the stock market this month.

After the flotation, Mr Whelan, a former Blackburn Rovers full back, and his family will hold about 65 per cent of the equity, valued at about £41 million. The company, which sells sports clothing, replica kit, footwear and sports equipment, is expected to have a market capitalisation of about £64 million.

JJB runs 123 stores, located mainly in the north of England but that stretch from Inverness to Exeter. There are four stores in Spain. JJB made a pre-tax profit of £2.5 million on turnover of £24.8 million in the six months to July 31. It is forecasting an operating profit of at least £6.5 million for the full year to January 31 1995.

Of the £22 million flotation proceeds, £8.5 million will be used to fund JJB's expansion. It plans to build a headquarters and distribution complex for £4 million, enabling it to increase its store opening programme to 30 a year.

Business leaders warn against more rate rises

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders yesterday warned the Government against any further interest rate rises as the latest evidence on the state of British industry showed the strongest economic improvement since the recovery began — including the firmest signs of investment for more than six years.

The results of the latest quarterly trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry delighted both the Treasury and CBI leaders.

The survey of more than 1,000 companies showed a steady rise in domestic demand, total orders growing at their fastest rate since October 1988 and exports expected to increase more rapidly than at any time since 1977. However, more than a fifth of firms believe capacity shortages are likely to limit their output.

The CBI described the results of its survey — and especially its indications on investment intentions — as the most encouraging since the recovery started. They accepted that the signs of price rises and capacity shortages might lead to a "risk" of the Government and the Bank of England — with whom CBI leaders discussed the survey results on Monday — considering a further rise in base rates.

But Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said there was nothing in the survey to justify a further rate rise.

At the time, CBI leaders described last month's rise as "curious", but Mr Buxton yesterday acknowledged that the rise had not damaged economic growth and said of the rate increase: "With hindsight, it was right to do it."

The Treasury welcomed the survey, which it said indicated a sustained recovery in manufacturing. Business confidence was "robust", and export optimism particularly strong. Describing the survey as generally a good set of figures, Treasury officials acknowledged the indications of higher input prices, but pointed out that highly competitive markets would force companies to set realistic and competitive price levels.

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Shares fall in sympathy as dollar hits new lows

BATTERED European stock and bond markets yesterday recovered some ground after plunging in sympathy with the dollar, which hit yet further new lows against the mark and the yen, but the mood remained perilously fragile (Janet Bush writes).

The FT-SE 100 slumped more than 44 points at one stage before clawing back some ground to finish 28.2 points lower at 3,000.9. Shares in Frankfurt and Paris also sustained heavy losses before recovering a little.

Developments in the US, particularly the continuing chronic weakness in the dollar, are dominating other markets. The US currency slumped to a new post-war low against the yen of Y96.35 before climbing back to Y96.80 in late European trade. It also posted a new two-year low against the mark of DM1.4855 before recouping some ground to DM1.4947.

Cadbury in bid talks with Dr Pepper

BY GEORGE SIVELL
ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

CADBURY Schweppes, the British soft drinks and confectionery group, revealed yesterday that it has held takeover talks with Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, the American drinks group that is 23.2 per cent owned by Cadbury.

Earlier this year, Cadbury advisers had given the impression that the company had more to gain by continuing to operate its numerous joint ventures with Dr Pepper rather than pressing for boardroom representation in America or by seeking to raise the Dr Pepper stake.

Shares in Cadbury slipped 10p to 425p as the group declared in a filing with the American Securities & Exchanges Commission that it "has had exploratory discussions with Dr Pepper/Seven-Up regarding a possible business combination with Cadbury which would have resulted in Cadbury controlling Dr Pepper/Seven-Up.

"During the course of such discussions, no definitive proposals or plans were developed by Cadbury." The SEC filing continued: "Cadbury intends to review from time to time its investment and may have further discussions regarding an acquisition through a cash tender offer, exchange offer or merger.

"There can be no assurances that any such further discussions will occur or, if they do occur, that they will result in any plan or proposal being developed by Cadbury." Speculation has surrounded Cadbury's intentions since it raised the Dr Pepper stake last year.

Teacher learns lesson of misleading advice

BY ROBERT MILLER

MAUREEN Anthony, a teacher at Queen's School in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, counts herself lucky. Two years ago, she and her husband, John, also a teacher at the same school, decided to take some financial advice. They contacted a salesman from Confederation Life as they had dealt with him over their mortgage.

Mrs Anthony said last night: "I was just coming back to teaching after the birth of my three children and I felt it was the right time to be sorting out our financial affairs and, in particular, my pension. The salesman from Confederation Life said I would be better off taking out a personal pension plan with his company rather than joining the Teachers' Superannuation scheme, which I was entitled to do. So I took his advice. I don't think he was being malicious. I really believe that he didn't recognise that the Teachers' Superannuation scheme was better. It was just poor training and lack of knowledge."

A year later, the Anthonys were moving house and they talked to several financial advisers about mortgages. Mrs Anthony said: "The message that we were getting from them was that I should have stayed in the Teachers' scheme. I wrote to Confederation Life and they said I should take the matter up with the Pensions Ombudsman. In the end, someone suggested that I should contact my union, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers. They took up my case for me."

Confederation Life has since paid Mrs Anthony £3,793 in compensation and she is now back in the Teachers' pension scheme. "When you are a busy person with little knowledge of complex pension matters you tend to trust the person giving advice. I now know that this is not always the case."



Anthony: compensated

Coal Authority plans annual licence examinations

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's new Coal Authority gave a warning yesterday that it would annually examine the licences of the new owners of Britain's coal mines and would cancel those of any private operators that failed to meet required standards.

The authority, established as part of the privatisation of British Coal, will take over ownership of Britain's coal reserves and responsibility for licensing mining operations and coal subsidence claims outside mining areas on Monday. Launching the authority yesterday, ministers made clear that the Government would decide on licences for companies bidding for British Coal's current pits, but that any future licences would be the responsibility of the new authority.

Ministers are currently carrying out detailed scrutiny of the companies selected as preferred bidders for the industry to ensure that they can meet financially and operationally the commitments they have given in making their bids. Some companies that failed to be selected have questioned whether some that were will be fully able to carry through their bids. Leaders of the Coal Authority said that if any preferred bidder was unable to carry its bid forward at the time of exchange at the end of the year then it would put the mines concerned out to license again.

But the authority also gave a warning that it would closely monitor the operations of successful bidders. Sir David White, the authority's chairman, said it would have two guiding principles. "The first is to encourage viable coal mining and coal-bed methane operations. The second, equally important, is to provide the required safeguards for the public against the effects of coal mining operation."

Neville Washington, the authority's chief executive designate, said that licensees would be monitored annually against that test of "viable" coal-mining. If licensees did not meet the required standards, then the authority had the power to remove the licence and seek other operators for the asset.

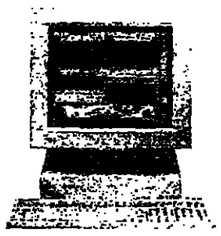
Charles Wardle, industry minister, described the launch of the Coal Authority as "the start of a new era for coal mining". The authority, which will be based in Mansfield in Nottinghamshire, will have about 100 staff and a budget of about £50 million. The authority is expected to spend around £50 million in a full year of operation, depending on the number of subsidence claims it has to deal with. Sir David is being paid £18,000 a year for working one day a week.

The authority will announce within a few days its scale of fees and charges for a number of services, including the provision of information about the coal industry.

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Borrowers on top of payments

CONSUMERS are keeping their finances in order, with 92.9 per cent of consumer credit instalment accounts fully up-to-date, says Equifax Europe, a credit information organisation, formerly Infolink.

A significant proportion of consumers who were only one to two months behind with credit repayments in the third quarter of last year appear to be in a stronger financial position and able to pay on time. Equifax noted that, although the year-on-year percentage fall in the level of accounts in arrears was marginal, it represents many actual accounts.

Richard McCrohan, managing director of Equifax, said: "Whilst these figures would suggest a general improvement to the personal finances of the majority of consumers, the absence of the 'feed-good' factor would appear to be acting as a brake on credit spending."

Equifax's findings confirm that consumers remain cautious, concentrating on paying off debts on time, not borrowing more.

ICI move

ICI Australia, 62.4 per cent owned by Imperial Chemicals Industries, is ready to spend more than A$1 billion (£452 million) over the next four years. The diversified chemicals company is considering joint venture proposals in South-East Asia. Net profit for the year to September 30 was A$167.5 million, against A$118.9 million.

Prospect deal

Prospect Industries, the engineer, is to buy, for £11.65 million, Whessoe's piping systems division, which, in the ten months to July 31, lost £2.7 million on turnover of £22.7 million. Net assets at July 31 were £11.6 million after a proposed capitalisation of inter-company debt.

£65m for Wales

The European Investment Bank has approved loans of £65 million for infrastructure projects in Wales. Up to £25 million will be spent on road schemes and business parks in South Glamorgan. The rest will help Welsh Water to modernise sewage treatment facilities.

Airbus setback

Iberia, the Spanish airline, has cancelled a firm order for eight Airbus A-321 aircraft worth $530 million because of its financial difficulties. Airbus has agreed to modify a deal for eight A-340s costing $873 million.



Harold Ennis, Boxmore's chairman, expects satisfactory full-year results in spite of the effect of increased raw material costs on selling prices

BT3 banks and brokers made £23.5m in fees

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE banks and brokers involved in the £5.2 billion BT3 share sale last year received commission totalling £23.5 million. SG Warburg, which co-ordinated the sale, earned fees of £6.5 million, plus a £4.5 million global co-ordinator's fee. The total cost to the Treasury of carrying out the sale was £96 million.

A National Audit Office report published today shows that more than a third of institutional investors were unhappy with the service delivered by the syndicate structure, but almost all the 200 UK and 90 overseas institutions surveyed by the NAO said they perceived it as a success.

The NAO praised government advisers for getting full value for the taxpayer in the sale in July last year. The Treasury sold 1.31 million BT shares in three instalments, with the final payment made two weeks ago.

In particular, the NAO praised the Treasury for taking action to "deter investors from engaging in adverse market activity which sought to reduce the market pricing of existing BT shares and distort the pricing of the new shares".

On behalf of the Treasury, Warburg monitored short selling of BT shares aimed at depressing the price and penalised institutions by warning institutions that anyone suspected of manipulating the market would receive a reduced allocation, and by giving preference in allocation to net buyers of BT shares. A third of institutions surveyed by the NAO said the market monitoring during the sale influenced their activity and three-quarters said the Treasury minimised adverse market activity in BT shares.

Seventy-nine per cent said their share allocation fairly reflected bidding behaviour.

The Treasury also learnt lessons from previous share sales, according to the NAO. The report said: "Shares were sold to institutional investors at their market price plus the full value to investors of payment by instalments. This was the first time such an outcome had been achieved in a government secondary sale."

In previous sales of shares in companies already partly privatised, buyers had benefited as the value of being able to defer part of the payments was underestimated.

Ministers set the strike price for the international offer of 610 million BT shares at 420p to reflect an 11.5p premium over the market price for the time value of instalments. A Warburg director said: "Warburg was very pleased that after an exhaustive NAO investigation, and particularly having asked institutions for their views, investors confirmed that the sale had been seen as a notable success."

Boxmore dividend rises 10%

BY MARTIN BARROW

BOXMORE International, the manufacturer of cartons and labels based in Northern Ireland, is lifting the interim 10 per cent to 1.375p a share, payable on December 8, after a rise in pre-tax profits to £3.75 million (£2.72 million). Earnings increased to 10.9p a share from 9.4p, with a higher number of shares in issue after acquisitions.

The company said turnover and operating profits from continuing businesses rose 22.3 per cent and 33.2 per cent respectively. Trading results include a maiden contribution from Label Research from March 1, the integration of which had progressed as planned. Profits from Label Research came in ahead of forecast.

Harold Ennis, chairman, said substantial raw material price rises were affecting selling prices but the company still expects to show satisfactory trading results for the full year. The shares fell 1p to 280p. Group operating profits of £3.56 million, rising from £2.47 million, showed the benefit of capital investment of £9.8 million made during 1993. The balance sheet remains strong, with net cash of almost £1.8 million after investment of £4.15 million in new plant buildings in the first half.

Deregulation moves ahead

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN STRASBOURG

THE European Commission moved a step nearer liberalisation of Europe's telecommunications market by 1998 yesterday when the Brussels executive presented a Green Paper calling for step-by-step deregulation by that year.

The Green Paper suggests that telecoms operators should be able to use alternative infrastructure networks for their value-added services from next year. For example, this would allow British Telecom to lease lines from a local German cable television operator for its data communication or for its closed user groups in Germany. Currently, BT must lease its lines from the Deutsche Bundespost Telekom, the national telephone carrier. The reforms would mean prices for special telecom services falling further.

The decision about telecoms liberalisation, however, rests with the council of EU telecoms ministers, who are due to meet on November 17.

Telecoms liberalisation is an issue of a classic north-south divide within the EU. Southern countries, with the most awkward telecoms monopolies, are reluctant to embrace competition, fearing it would favour the telecoms giants of Germany, Britain and France.

Small decline in number of negative equity households

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

THE number of households with negative equity remains below one million after a modest decline between the second and third quarters of 1994, according to figures from the Woolwich Building Society. The average amount of negative equity nationally has dropped from £7,500 to £7,000.

The Woolwich said that a fall of 10,000 households has taken the total for the third quarter to 930,000. This fall has been driven by the combination of rising house prices in those regions worst affected by negative equity — Greater London and the South East, the South West and East Anglia — and capital repayments by borrowers.

The biggest fall was in the South East, where 30,000 households moved out of negative equity.

However, falling house prices in the North, Yorkshire and Humberside and Wales, actually led to an increase in the number of households with an equity shortfall in these regions, although the average value of negative equity is slight in these new cases.

Peter Robinson, the Woolwich managing director, said: "Negative equity is little more than half the problem it was 18 months ago, and even modest house price increases to the order of 5 per cent per annum should cause its elimination by the end of 1997."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.15
Austria Sch	18.13	16.63
Belgium Fr	53.33	48.88
Canada $	2.314	2.164
Cyprus Cyp£	0.780	0.730
Denmark Kr	10.13	9.33
Finland Mkk	8.03	7.33
France Fr	8.84	8.14
Germany Dm	2.59	2.37
Greece Dr	390.00	365.00
Hong Kong $	13.26	12.26
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.98
Italy Lira	2585.00	2430.00
Japan Yen	173.50	158.50
Malta	0.634	0.579
Netherlds Gld	2.861	2.651
Norway Kr	11.19	10.38
Portugal Esc	260.00	241.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.44
Spain Pta	210.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	12.14	11.34
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.00
Turkey Lira	refer	59708.0
USA $	1.730	1.600

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Lep Group to look for equity injection

LEP Group, the debt-ridden freight forwarding and security company, is to begin a search for an equity injection. The company, which reduced its borrowings in 1992 in a massive debt-for-equity swap, brought down its debt further with the £89 million sale of Swiss Bank House in April. However, operating profits fell from £15 million to £12.8 million in the half year to June 30 as a loss of rental income from the property reduced revenue.

Facilities provided by Lep's 36 bankers continue until July 1995, but loans available to NGC, Lep's US security business, mature in February. David James, chairman and company doctor, said he was optimistic that the future of the company could be secured, but was cautious about the level of debt relating to discontinued businesses, which still totalled £190 million. Pre-tax losses deepened to £8.7 million from £5.05 million, leaving losses per share of 1.1p (0.7p loss). The company again said there could be no expectation of a dividend payment in the foreseeable future. Tempus, page 28

Third BCCI appeal

FORMER executives of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International are due back in court in Abu Dhabi today to appeal against jail sentences of between three and six years. Court officials said ten former BCCI executives would attend today, the third appeal trial since the hearings into the bank's collapse ended in June with sentences ranging up to 14 years for 12 defendants. One executive was previously acquitted, five were released last month after serving their prison terms and four were jailed for six years. The charges involve embezzlement and dissipation of funds.

EU drops steel rescue

THE European Commission has confirmed it is abandoning its steel industry rescue plan because companies had not come up with the required 19 million tonnes in capacity cuts. The Commission had said that the European Union's steel industry had to find the capacity cuts to qualify for a package of restructuring aid. In spite of an extension to the original deadline, the industry was prepared to make about 16 million tonnes in cuts, officials said. They added that the Commission would not cancel money that had been approved to cover job losses.

Unit trust sales plunge

UNIT trust sales dropped by almost a third last month. Net sales to private investors fell more than 30 per cent, year on year, from £414 million to £287 million. Net sales to institutions were down from £257 million to £184 million. Funds under management in September slipped to £92.8 billion from £97.6 billion the previous month. The biggest losers were European funds. The Association of Unit Trusts blamed the slowdown in sales on "unexciting markets and a falling savings ratio". The FT All-Share index fell by 6.8 per cent in September owing to the rise in base rates. Tempus, page 28

Ashbourne plans float

ASHBOURNE Holdings, the nursing home operator formerly part of Stakis, the leisure group, plans a stock market flotation next month. Ashbourne has 19 homes, with 1,599 beds, and plans to open four homes by the end of next year. In the year to October 2, the group lifted operating profits to £6.1 million, from £5.5 million. Archie Walker, chairman, said that flotation proceeds would be used to buy sites and to make acquisitions as they arose. Fifteen per cent of shares being issued will be for private investors, rising to 25 per cent if demand is strong; dealing should begin on November 24.

Marine Midland rises

MARINE Midland Banks, the US retail banking subsidiary of HSBC Holdings, increased its net profits by 19 per cent to $57.7 million in the third quarter of the year. Net profits for the first nine months were up 31 per cent to $167.4 million. Net interest margins continued to be wide. The bank made no provisions for loan losses in the quarter after its non-accruing loans fell by 53.2 per cent to $201.3 million. The ratio of reserves to non-accruing loans increased from 87.3 to 169.6 per cent. The higher net profits were helped by a 7 per cent fall in operating expenses to $525.2 million.

Trust interim increased

EDINBURGH Investment Trust saw its net asset value per share fall by 4.5 per cent to 326.6p in the six months to September 30, hit by weakness in equity and bond markets. This compares with a 3.3 per cent fall in the FT-SE Actuaries all-share index during the same period. The trust increased the interim dividend by 3.4 per cent to 3.05p, to be paid on December 2, compared with an inflation rate of 2.2 per cent. Revenue after tax for the six months was down from £16.99 million to £15.73 million. Earnings per share fell from 5.77p to 5.35p.

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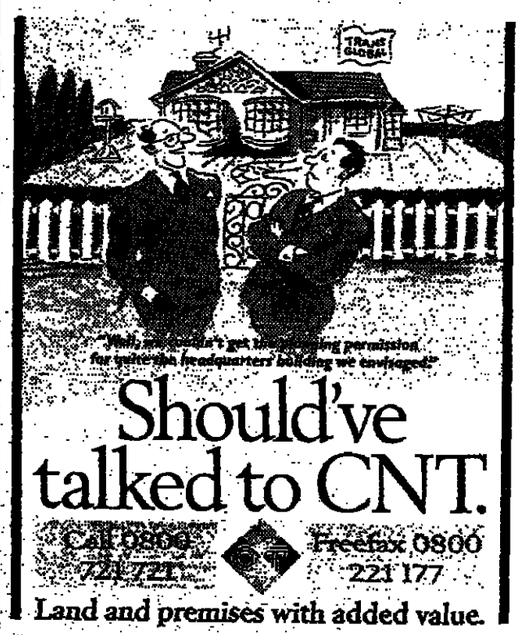
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☐ Trustees' heads should roll after mis-selling ☐ Santer's Emu dilemma ☐ Grist to the Governor's mill

A pension palaver writ Large

☐ THE proof of the Securities and Investments Board's personal pension pudding, which has taken ten months to steam, will inevitably depend on the extent to which yesterday's voluminous proposals succeed in righting an undeniably massive wrong.

The wrong has been well aired, namely the widespread mis-selling of personal pensions by commission-chasing salesmen to a host of unsophisticated consumers. *Caveat emptor* may apply in the world of equities or gold bars but the enticement of the financially naive out of an employer's pension scheme into a significantly less beneficial personal penson plan is, rightly, perceived as dirty pool. Too many life offices and too many firms of so called independent financial advisers have been playing dirty pool for too long. The motto has been "sell". SIB's motto is "redress": a laudible aim, albeit immensely difficult to achieve.

Andrew Large, chairman of SIB, does not, unsurprisingly, talk of rip offs or dirty pool but, with spadefuls of diplomacy, has launched the *Pension Transfer and Opt Out Review*. Those in the redress frame are those wrongly sold personal pensions between 1988 and 1994 *if* they:

☐ Opted out of, and/or transferred funds from, an occupational pension scheme to a personal pension; and

☐ Suffered loss as a result of relying on advice which fell materially short of the Financial Services Act regulatory standards in force at the time.

The scale of the problem (consistently played down by the life offices) is daunting; witness the two-year time span of the review programme. In the case of opt outs, SIB's directive is that reinstatement into the relevant occupational scheme is "highly desirable" at a "fair cost". The recommended remedy, in respect of transfers, is to reinstate, where possible, or "top up" personal pension entitlements. Cash in hand is ruled out, other than in the case of those who have retired.

The blunt message from Large is that investment firms are expected to carry out the review and provide due redress. Should redress costs exceed firms' resources, or should such firms have gone out of business, those eligible will be able to call on the relevant compensation fund.

Some 350,000 investors (100,000 in respect of transfers and 250,000 in respect of opt-outs and non-joiners) automatically qualify for review, but close on 1 million will enjoy the right to argue their case. Snap estimates yesterday had it that this little exercise in attempting to level the pension playing fields could cost the industry anything between £1 billion and £2 billion.

Not many laurels for SIB (which should have detected the mis-selling of personal pensions much earlier) but even fewer for the life offices, whose stubborn rearguard battle against commission disclosure has backfired with a vengeance. As for pension fund trustees, many heads deserve to roll.

The trouble with Super Mario . . .

☐ ONE of the most vexed questions for Jacques Santer, president-designate for the European Commission, is whom to appoint as commissioner in charge of European Monetary Union. M Santer, who hopes to appoint his commissioners this week, has the choice between an Italian and a Frenchman. The complex



arguments can be reduced to one simple question: Can Europe trust an Italian to run Emu?

The two candidates are Yves Thilbaut de Silguy, European affairs adviser to Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, and Mario Monti, professor of economic policy at Bocconi University in Milan. Professor Monti is easily the most qualified of all the commissioners for the job. The trouble is that his country may never qualify for stage three under the Maastricht criteria. M de Silguy's single advantage is that he comes from the country that is not only certain to qualify but which wants Emu more than any other.

In an interview with *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* yesterday, Professor Monti portrayed himself as a hard money man, faithful to the Maastricht criteria on deficits, interest rates and currency levels. But he was suspiciously more flexible on debt, a criterion that Italy happens to be unable to meet in a generation, let alone by 1999. His comments raise the suspicion that, as Silvio Berlusconi's hitman in Brussels, Professor Monti may try to delay the third stage of Emu until a fabled day when Italy finally meets the criteria. Germany's economics establishment, suspicious of Emu, may find Professor Monti an attractive candidate for all the wrong reasons. He may be a perfect agent for what they consider an imperfect scheme.

M de Silguy, by contrast, must be seen as an Emu hard-core man, who may even push for the third stage by 1997, the first possible date under the Maastricht treaty, and the one option that the British Government wants to avoid at all cost.

At this stage, M Silguy appears to have the edge in the contest, although nothing is settled. According to one rumoured compromise, Professor Monti would take over the economics portfolio, minus Emu, which would go to M de Silguy. The only certainty is that the choice of commissioner will be a textbook example of Brussels *realpolitik*.

CBI put on the spot

☐ THE Confederation of British Industry was put in a difficult position by its own membership yesterday. Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs committee, was well aware of the implications of a rise in the proportion of manufacturers' wanting to put up their prices over coming months. Eddie George and Kenneth Clarke meet next Wednesday and the City is already talking about another rise in base rates.

Mr Buxton went to some lengths to argue the counter case. Higher rates, he said, would hit the "delicate flower" of investment, which seems at last to be picking up with some strength. He also sought to play down the price intentions evidence, arguing that the picture across industry is mixed, with some reporting price cuts, and that competitive pressures would prevent firms from getting the price rises they want.

He has some justification. Most of the increase in manufacturers expecting to raise prices is seasonal. The next four months covers January, when many firms introduce their new list prices. In addition, taking pricing intentions on a seasonally adjusted basis, they have been virtually stagnant since August. This does not point to dramatic price pressures.

Against this, yesterday's survey evidence showed that three-quarters of those manufacturers who said they would raise prices in July actually did, a high proportion given all the other evidence of severe pressure on the high street.

This, and the fact that growth in the third quarter, although slower, was still 3.6 per cent above a year ago and therefore well above trend, gives grist to Eddie George's mill.

The Chancellor may not agree. The consumer sector has clearly weakened and Mr Clarke may well want to cushion the hard-pressed retail sector from Bank of England overkill until at least after the Christmas shopping period.

Wolseley tops City's hopes with 67% rise

By Susan Gilchrist

WOLSELEY, the fast-growing plumbers' and builders' merchant, yesterday beat even the most optimistic City expectations with a 67 per cent rise in profits.

The group made pre-tax profits of £202.3 million in the year to July 31, up from £121.1 million in the previous period and well ahead of predictions of between £190 million to £200 million. The results prompted analysts to upgrade forecasts for the current year by about £10 million to about £260 million.

Jeremy Lancaster, chairman, said the improvement was largely driven by acquisitions made over the past two years as well as tight cost control in ongoing businesses. Asked to define the group's success, he said: "We have had no strategy, and it works. I don't think business is about strategy, it is about having a sharp nose."

The US operations were the star performer with trading profits rising to £86.8 million from £47 million. Mr Lancaster said growth was strong across the board with almost boom conditions at Carolina Builders and Erb Lumber, the lumber supply companies. However, the overall building market in the US remains below its peak in the 1980s.

The European building distribution business, which operates predominantly in the UK and France, lifted profits to £81 million from £57.1 million. Mr Lancaster said Brosette, its French company, performed particularly well lifting sales by 6 per cent against the background of a sluggish construction market.

In the UK, the new build market, which accounts for about one third of sales, performed well but the repair and maintenance business remained weak in spite of an increase in the number of house moves.

The manufacturing operations increased profits to £36.6 million from £26.8 million, bolstered by a strong performance from the Enertech companies acquired last year.

Mr Lancaster said the group still had about £22 million of the £55 million of new funds raised in the past year for acquisitions. He said there was no shortage of companies knocking at Wolseley's door but that it would only pursue those where it could add value. He believes there is considerable scope for growth in the group's existing markets, but said he was also interested in expanding into Eastern Europe.

Mr Lancaster was characteristically downbeat about prospects in the current year. He said a question mark remained over recovery in the UK market, while growth in the America was unlikely to continue at the rate seen in the past two years. A final dividend of 12p (9.75p) brings the total payout to 16.72p (13.3p) and will be paid to shareholders on January 31.

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NEWSTEAM



Stuart Greville, finance director, left, and Michael Ost are confident about prospects

McKechnie meets forecasts

By Sarah Bagnall

McKECHNIE, the plastic and metal components maker, delivered an upbeat statement about current trading as it unveiled a 31 per cent leap in underlying profits in the year to July 31. Excluding a £3.1 million exceptional profit, underlying pre-tax profits rose from £24.5 million to £32.2 million, reaching the top end of market expectations. Turnover jumped from £314.4 million to £420 million.

The final dividend was pegged at 9.75p, making an unchanged total for the year of 14.75p. The dividend will be paid out of underlying earnings of 24.7p a share.

The company was helped by a £6.5 million contribution from Savage, the do-it-yourself products group, bought for £49 million in 1993. The trouble spot remained the US packaging division, which fell deeper into loss.

Savage's contribution accounted for the more than doubling in profits from £5.8 million to £14.9 million by the consumer products arm. Sales rose from £61.3 million to £143.1 million. The specialist arm lifted profits from £9.6 million to £12.6 million on turnover up £19.5 million to £111.6 million. The plastics operations saw profits slip from £5.6 million to £4.1 million.

Michael Ost, chief executive, said that the board was confident of achieving another year of marked progress.

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Blacks runs into red

By Susan Gilchrist

CONTINUING problems with Quaser, the football boot brand, pushed Blacks Leisure, the sports retailer and wholesaler, into the red in the first half.

Simon Bentley, chairman and chief executive, said that the difficulties had been resolved with the transfer of the UK rights to Quaser to a specialist distributor. He predicted that losses would be stemmed in the second half. Blacks retains the rights to the brand overseas.

Blacks incurred a pre-tax loss of £53,000 in the six months to August 27, compared with a profit of £638,000. Mr Bentley said that the results did not reflect the progress the group had made.

The retail division lifted sales by almost 8 per cent, but intense pressure on margins saw operating profits slide to £800,000 from £1.1 million.

Mr Bentley said that suppliers had been less generous with discounts, particularly on footwear, and the hot weather had also hit sales of high-margin waterproof products.

The interim dividend is held at 0.75p and will be paid on February 3.

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Lloyd's investment trust to be launched

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

A GROUP of Lloyd's professionals is joining forces with Zurich Insurance, the Swiss insurance giant, to launch a highly geared Lloyd's investment trust on the stock market.

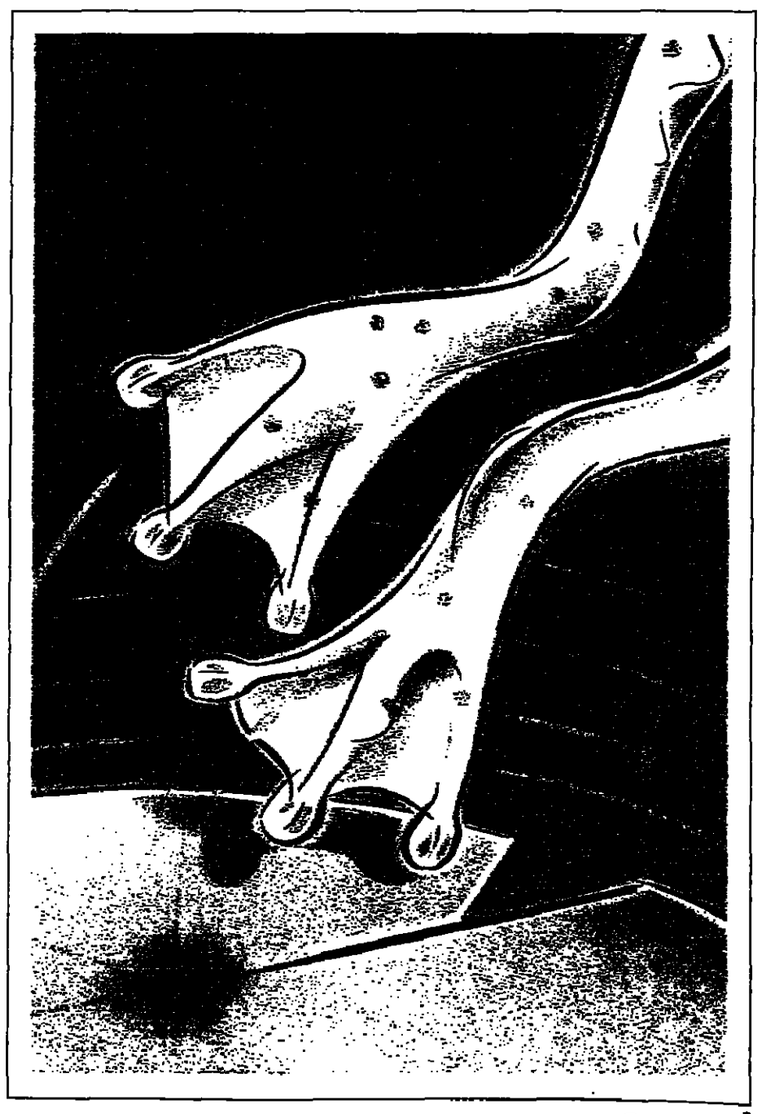
Euclidian Investment Company plans to raise £20 million via a placing, which will be augmented by £28 million made available by Centre Re, a subsidiary of Zurich Insurance. Centre Re's involvement enables Euclidian to show £40 million of funds at Lloyd's, and, as a direct result, invest £80 million in the Lloyd's insurance market. As a result, shareholders' returns are based on £80 million, not the £20 million they have invested. Centre Re intends to take a 5 per cent stake in Euclidian.

James Truscott, a Euclidian director, said: "Our projections are that investors will get a pre-tax profit return of £6.3 million in year three on their investment of £20 million. Our forecasts are that they can double their money in three years."

In return for providing £28 million, Centre Re will receive £2.6 million a year. Indemnity Insurance Services will receive a fee of £500,000 a year as Euclidian's Lloyd's adviser.

Euclidian will have six corporate names investing in a range of syndicates. Shareholders and Centre Re will split equally the first £4 million of losses incurred by one of the corporate names, with Centre Re bearing the next £2.7 million of losses. Each corporate name's liability is limited to £6.7 million.

Impact day is November 15.



Vive la différence!

STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Critical SIB report puts more heat on life insurers

BUYING shares is the easy part of any fund manager's job. Knowing when to sell is the hard part: that takes skill, just a little bit of luck, and a sense of timing.

The City's best known fund manager, Mick Newmarch, chief executive of the **Prudential Corporation**, seemed to have got his timing wrong yesterday when he sold options in the company, netting him a £203,000 profit — just hours before the Securities and Investment Board published a report criticising life insurance and pension companies.

The report also ordered them to compensate investors who had been badly advised on pension plans going back to 1988.

Earlier in the day, before the SIB report was published, Mr Newmarch had exercised an option on 208,750 shares at a price of 198.9p. These he later sold in the market at 296p, a profit of 97.1p a share.

The move will rub salt into the wounds of the hundreds of thousands of private investors who are expected to claim for compensation from the life insurance and pension companies for being wrongly advised on private pension plans.

The Prudential share price ended 4p lower at 298p in ex-dividend form, and there were also losses for **Legal & General**, 8p to 428p xd, **Lloyds Abbey**, 4p to 320p, and **London and Manchester**, 5p to 320p after going ex-dividend.

Elsewhere, share prices and government bonds opened lower, reflecting the 36-point setback for the Dow Jones industrial average overnight. Revived worries about inflationary pressures and the dollar's continued weakness on world markets once again had investors on the run.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index appeared to be heading into free-fall as it tumbled almost 45 points. But it regained its composure and held its position poised precariously above above the 3,000 level after finishing 28.2 points down at 3,000.9. Once again, trading conditions were thin, with fewer than 600 million shares changing hands.

Among leaders, **Rank Organisation** fell 8p to 407p before Friday's trading update for brokers and institutional investors and figures from its associate, Xerox Corporation in the US, tomorrow. Xerox and Rank jointly own Rank Xerox.

Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, dropped 9p to 426p after confirming it had been in bid talks with Dr Pepper, where it holds a near 26 per cent stake. In a statement to the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Cadbury said it had started exploratory talks in September although no definitive proposals or plans had been developed.

Cadbury bought the bulk of its stake last year and says it will continue to review its investment. The possibility of further talks with the Americans has not been ruled out.

Zeneca failed to respond to encouraging nine-month sales figures, losing an early lead to finish unchanged at 838p. The figures showed an 8 per cent improvement in overall sales to £3.45 billion. Lehman Brothers, the broker, said it was sticking with its 1994 pre-tax profit forecast of £772 million. But there was little cheer for **ICI** before tomorrow's third-quarter figures even though brokers are predicting a strong performance during what is traditionally a subdued period. Pre-tax profits are expected to have almost doubled to £135 million.

English China Clays found few willing buyers as the shares went ex-dividend, ending 6p lower at 330p. **Virtuality**, the computer specialist, jumped 7p to 172p after announcing it had linked-up with Atari to produce the world's first immersive video recorder games system for the consumer market. Profit-taking left **Wolseley**, the builders' merchant, 5p off at 728p after a set of full-year figures showing pre-tax profits 67 per cent ahead at £202.3 million. Shareholders have also been rewarded with a leap of 26 per cent in the total dividend to 16.7p, or extra shares.

The electricity distributors continued to be squeezed higher in thin trading as investors pondered this week's move by **East Midland Electricity**, 8p up at 674p, to spend its £186 million cash reserve paying a special dividend worth 84p a share.

Most of its rivals have already used up spare cash buying back their own shares, and even East Midlands admits that this is an option it intends to keep open. Traders were also reflecting on the benefits to the RECs of the forthcoming sale of the National Grid. Gains were recorded in **London**, 8p to 712p, **Manweb**, 11p to 799p, **Midlands**, 9p to 745p, **Norweb**, 17p to 797p, **Northern**, 14p to 794p, **Seeboard**, 12p to 422p, **South West**, 15p to 758p, **South Wales**, 10p to 790p, **Southern**, 14p to 765p, and **Yorkshire**, 12p to 727p.

The regional brewers were a flat market upset by Lazards' decision to shelve its regional brewery investment trust because of lack of interest. There were losses for **HP Bulmer**, 18p to 398p, **Taunton**, 4p to 153p, **Boddington**, 4p to 253p, **Greenalls**, 2p to 410p, **Greene King**, 3p to 528p, **Hardys & Hanson**, 4p to 260p, **Joseph Holt**, 50p to £36, **Morland**, 5p to 510p, **Vaux**, 4p to 234p, and **Wolverhamton & Dudley**, 12p to 512p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts continued to lose ground, driving yields steadily higher as worries about the continued weakness of the dollar and German bunds again took their toll.

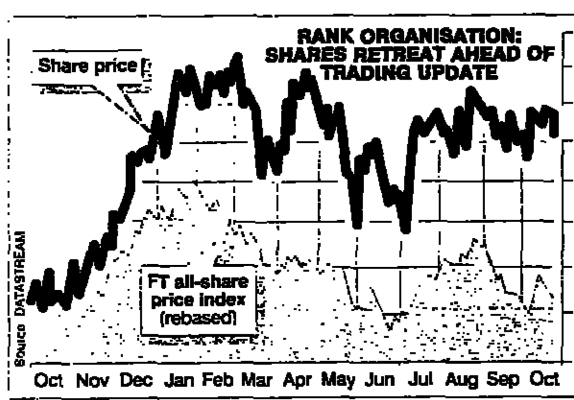
The December series of the Long Gilt closed at its low for the day, down £27/32 at £99 23/32 as the number of contracts completed rose to 73,000. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 jumped £29/32 to £102¼, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £13/32 better at £102 17/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: A bond yield above eight per cent kept US shares on the defensive in early trading. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.33 at 3,855.63.



Dominic Cadbury, chief executive of Cadbury Schweppes

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch food group, finished 16p off at £11.16 after NatWest Securities urged clients to switch into the Dutch NV. The Plc enjoys a 4 per cent premium over the NV. Switching will effectively lift the holdings. NatWest said the move will offer downside protection should third-quarter figures prove disappointing.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3855.63 (+0.33)
S&P Composite .... 460.97 (+0.14)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19732.15 (-120.22)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9246.50 (-117.79)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 398.20 (-3.15)

Sydney:
AO .... 2021.8 (-15.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1974.63 (-30.75)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2362.54 (-14.32)

Brussels:
General .... 7036.22 (-112.06)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1824.42 (-17.17)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 633.90 (-8.70)

London:

FT 30	2301.8 (-23.4)
FT 100	3000.9 (-28.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3474.6 (-25.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1296.00 (-16.32)
FT A All-Share	1497.74 (-13.02)
FT Non Financials	1619.71 (-12.87)
FT Gold Mines	286.50 (-1.10)
FT Fixed Interest	107.46 (-0.48)
FT Govt Secs	90.40 (-0.54)
Bargains	24669
SEAQ Volume	569.3m
USM (Datastrm)	156.78 (-0.48)
US$	1.6371 (+0.0091)
German Mark	2.4430 (+0.0059)
Exchange Index	80.7 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2748
£:SDR	1.0937
RPI	145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	5	...
Artesian Estates	66	-1
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Filtronic Comtek	116	+3
Games Workshop (115)	126	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	27	-1
Hambros Sml Asian	58	-1
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	-1
Mackie Intl (180)	183	...
Man ED & F (180)	160	-3
Prolific Inc	478	-2
Servisair (135)	146	-1
Templeton Emerg New	357	-6
Templeton Emerg Wts	177	-8
Whitchurch	61	...
Wrexham Water	340	...
Wrexham Water NV	320	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

APTA Healthcare n/p (17)	¼	...
Cattles n/p (118)	10	-1
Dragon Oil n/p (tr4p)	¼	...
Sidlaw n/p (180)	5	-4
Smurfit (J) n/p	[illegible]	-12
Union Square n/p		...
World of Leather n/p		...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Abbey Panels	308p (+25p)
Seeboard	422p (+12p)
Norweb	797p (+17p)

FALLS:

HSBC	695p (-11p)
SG Warburg	614p (-17p)
Micro Focus	888p (-22p)
Phonelink	217p (-16p)
Bristol Scotts	183p (-17p)
British Land	384p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Pulling out a Plumb

THE one thing that can be expected from Wolseley these days is that it will beat City expectations. However high analysts set their profit forecasts, the company surpasses them with consummate ease, in spite of operating in one of the most unforgiving sectors in the stock market.

While other building materials companies have been ravaged by recession, Wolseley, the Plumb Centers operator, has yet to disappoint. Much of this is down to Jeremy Lancaster, the chairman, whose pessimism is becoming legendary. Earlier this year, he made cautionary noises about the pace of recovery, only to then deliver an 67 per cent increase in pre-tax profits. As he said at yesterday's results meeting: "I am not an optimistic guy. But optimists don't make money."

To a degree, he is right to be cautious. The City hates to be let down. But it also does not like to be wrong too often, as it has with Wolseley. The danger is that the market may now begin to doubt what the company says, believing the picture to be rosier. That could add some unnecessary volatility to the shares.

The fundamental picture remains promising. The company is well placed to benefit from any underlying recovery in its markets, particularly in continental Europe, as its experience in the US has amply shown. Growth will be further fuelled by expansion in existing markets and in new areas, such as Eastern Europe. Its track record to date on acquisitions should give investors confidence.

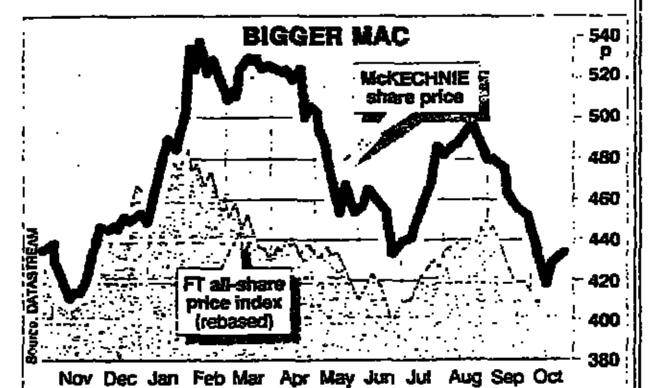
Wolseley has outperformed the market significantly in the past year or so. These results suggest that its strong performance is unlikely to ground to a halt.

Lep Group

AT FIRST glance, Lep Group's problems look insurmountable: even after the sale of the group's prime property asset, the company is left buried with more than £330 million of debt, of which only £150 million relates to facilities that support the Lep freight forwarding business and National Guardian, the American electronic security business.

Such a view ignores the value of those businesses. They may be unable to service the full burden of the group's borrowings, but can still generate about £30 million of operating profit. Applying a reasonable multiple of ten to the profits generates a value of the trading businesses that is not far from the banks' total outstanding investment in Lep.

For Lep's bankers, another debt-for-equity swap would be too high a price to square the circle. Sales of extraneous businesses should bring borrowings down further, but Lep needs a second restructuring and an equity injection from a third party to provide the cushion necessary for the banks to take a longer view of about £170 million of bad debt. A second restructuring would be a big struggle, but Lep has significantly improved the freight forwarding business and cut manning by a fifth over the past two years. With most of the litigation settled and the prospect of a partial float of National Guardian in America, Lep is beginning to see a glimmer at the end of the tunnel.



McKechnie

HAVING achieved everything that it set out to do this year — integrate Savage within the group's consumer business and restructure the loss-making American operation — the City should have given McKechnie a pat on the back, but the share price failed to move.

McKechnie's profit came out broadly as expected — a 30 per cent uplift on the previous year — but the overall result hides some impressive gains, particularly in the Pacific region, where profits surged 60 per cent. A healthy housing market down under is helping McKechnie's plumbing distribution business and the group is already seeing a profit from Savage. The DIY supplier needed to produce £4 million to cover its funding costs, but managed to turn in £6.5 million.

More promising are signs that McKechnie has shaken up its American plastics and packaging businesses. The plastics businesses are making a 2-3 per cent return on sales, but heavy losses from the packaging operations have kept the US operations in deficit. That should be reversed in the current year and there is no reason why the strong performance from UK plastics should not be repeated in the US with better management and some price increases.

McKechnie has a good chance of getting all its cylinders firing at once over the next two years. If the company can deliver profits of £44 million, the multiple on the current share price is less than 14, and, with little gearing, the company can well afford its ambition to buy an OEM supplier on the Continent.

Unit trusts

THE 31 per cent slump in net unit trust sales last month shows that private investors have fallen out of love with the see-sawing performance of the stock market this year. This does not augur well for the rest of the year, since one of the principal reasons behind the market's storming advances last year was the wall of cash flooding into unit trusts that fund managers were being forced to invest in already overinflated stocks.

The stampeding herd of private investors has notoriously bad timing, predictably piling into the market as its reaches its zenith and selling as it plunges. This helps to make stock markets more volatile and to enrich the few prepared to invest against the trend.

Unit trusts are still impressively well endowed, with total funds under management still 10 per cent higher than a year ago, at £92.8 billion, in spite of the fall in the market. But with the FT-SE 100 index yet again courting the 3,000 level, and interest rates rising, the popularity of unit trusts is likely to continue to wane.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	937-936	Mar	1045-1044
Mar	970-969	May	1055-1051
May	982-980	Jul	1067-1065
Jul	995-994	Sep	1077-1070
Sep	1008-1007		
Dec	1026-1025	Volume:	2900

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3555-3575	Jul	3490-3470
Jan	3580-3572	Sep	3480-3470
Mar	3520-3510	Nov	3470-3440
May	3500-3495	Volume:	2197

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	337.0-36.5
Spot 352.00		Oct	316.9-14.5
Dec	348.5-47.5	Dec	316.7-12.5
Mar	341.6-41.3	Mar	318.2-12.5
May	340.0-39.5	Volume:	1167

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	75.24	92.14	116.57
(+/-)	-0.90	+0.64	-1.57
Eng/Wales	75.25	91.93	116.25
(+/-)	-0.89	+0.71	-1.59
(%)	+9.0	-14.0	+8.0
Scotland	75.21	93.28	119.89
(+/-)	-0.97	+0.12	-1.37
(%)	+16.0	+3.0	+9.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.50	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.40	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.30	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.50	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.55	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 185 (-1)	O: 187 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	152 (n/c)	153 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Nov	154 (n/c)	156 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Dec	155 (n/c)	158 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	90 (-1)	93 (-1)
Naphtha	168 (n/c)	170 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	151.25-51.50	Feb	155.25-55.50
Dec	152.50-52.75	Mar	155.00-55.25
Jan	154.25-54.50		Vol: 8669

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.37-16.38	Mar	16.11 BID
Jan	16.28-16.29	Apr	16.10-16.14
Feb	16.20-16.23		Vol. 22081

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	104.50	Nov	101.65
Jan	106.55	Jan	104.10
Mar	108.65	Mar	106.30
May	110.50	May	108.40
Jul	112.25	Sep	92.40
Volume: 216		Volume: 64	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	220.0	222.0
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 32

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 83.00-83.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1990	1890	1880
Nov 94	1850	1840	1844
Dec 94	1795	1785	1798
Jan 95	1736	1725	1730
Vol: 118 lots		Open Interest:	3183

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2596.0-2597.0	2575.0-2575.5	1689300
Lead ($/tonne)	647.00-647.50	662.00-662.50	211100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1063.0-1063.5	1085.0-1086.0	467825
Tin ($/tonne)	5520.0-5530.0	5600.0-5605.0	21695
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1723.5-1724.0	1746.5-1747.0	1204850
Nickel ($/tonne)	6935.0-6940.0	7053.0-7054.0	102420

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	540	37	—	—	1	—	—
(*574)	580	1½	—	—	17	—	—
Argyll	240	19	25½	31½	1	8½	12½
(*257)	260	2	13	21	3½	18	22
ASDA	60	3	6½	8	1	4	5½
(*62)	70	1	2½	4	9	10	11½
Boots	500	26	38	51	1	11	17½
(*526)	550	1	13	26	26	39	43½
Br Airways	360	11	25½	30½	2	16	22
(*368½)	390	1	12	23½	23½	34	39
BP	390	22½	33	40	1	9½	15½
(*410½)	420	2	15½	24½	12	24	30
Br Steel	140	19½	25	27½	1	3	5
(*158)	160	1½	9½	16	3½	10½	13
C & W	390	11½	30	41	2	19	26½
(*397)	420	1	17½	28½	26½	37	44
CU	493	28	43	49½	1	10½	22
(*518)	543	1	16	24	28	35½	50
ICI	750	50	70½	92	1	12	25
(*797)	800	5	39	52½	8	31½	52
Kingfshr	460	13	34½	48	1½	16	26
(*470½)	500	1	14½	30	31½	39	47½
Land Sec	550	51½	55½	64½	1	5½	8½
(*599)	600	3	21	33½	5	24	27
M & S	420	7	19	29½	7½	15	22½
(*420)	460	1	5	13½	41½	45	49
Nat West	460	25	42	50	1	13	26½
(*485)	500	1	21	29	1½	32	45½
Sainsbury	360	26	36	46½	1	11	15
(*384)	390	1½	18½	29	6½	24	29½
Shell	650	46½	60	67½	1	6	16
(*694)	700	2½	25½	35	9½	24	38
Smkl Bch	390	15	29	36½	1	15	21½
(*405)	420	1	14	22½	17	32	37½
Storehse	220	2½	14	19	2	11	16
(*221½)	240	1	5	11	20½	24½	26½
Trafalgar	80	6½	9	13	1	4½	6
(*84½)	90	1	5	8	7½	10½	12
Unilever	1100	21½	51	60	2	29	45
(*1115½)	1150	1	26½	38	39½	57½	72½
Zeneca	800	41½	65½	77½	1	15½	31
(*836)	850	2½	35	49½	14½	36½	55½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	390	19	24	36½	7½	21	24
(*398½)	420	6½	15	23½	26	36½	41
Ladbroke	140	13½	19½	23	2½	6½	9½
(*149)	160	3½	9½	13½	13	17	21½
Utd Bisc	290	20½	30½	33½	4	7½	16
(*294)	300	8	19	23	12½	16½	27

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	475	26	33½	45½	1	9½	14
(*497)	500	3	18½	30	6	21	25½
Thames W	500	16½	30½	44	1	19	34
(*515½)	550	1	10	22	37	50	53½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	420	15½	30	36	11	19½	30½
(*422)	460	3½	12½	19	41½	44	57
BTR	300	11	20½	25½	8½	13½	22
(*300½)	330	2	8½	13½	31½	34½	41
Br Aero	460	26	46	54½	19	31½	40½
(*464½)	500	11	29	37	45½	56	64½
Br Telcm	360	25½	29½	36	2½	10½	14
(*380)	390	6½	13	21	14	26	29
Cadbury	420	15	29½	34	8	15	25
(*425)	460	2½	12	16½	39	40½	50
Guinness	420	40½	50½	56	1½	5½	12½
(*454½)	460	8½	23½	30	12½	20½	29½
GEC	260	22	25½	31½	2	6	9½
(*276)	280	9	14	20	8	15	17½
Hanson	220	7½	13	15½	6	12½	16
(*220½)	240	2	5½	8	21½	25½	29
LASMO	134	17	—	—	2	—	—
(*149)	154	4	—	—	10	—	—
Lucas	180	15	21	25	3	7½	11
(*190)	200	4½	11	15½	13½	17½	22
P&O	180	17	19½	22	2½	6½	9
(*192½)	200	4½	9	15	11½	17	19½
Prudential	280	23	30	33	3½	8	14½
(*296½)	300	8	18	22	11½	16½	25
Redland	420	45½	56	62	2½	8½	18½
(*457)	460	14½	31	38½	14	24	30
Royal Ins	260	23	31½	37	4	10½	17½
(*279½)	280	10½	20½	26½	12	19	25½
Tesco	220	18	24½	29½	3	6	12
(*233)	240	6	13	19½	12	16½	22
Vodafone	183	18½	23½	—	2	6½	—
(*198)	200	7	14	19½	8	15	18
Williams	325	19½	—	—	4	—	—
(*338½)	354	4½	—	—	18½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*2999½)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Nov	174	132	96	64	41	24
Dec	194	160	127	98	73	51
Jan	222	187	156	127	99	77
Feb	239	201	171	141	116	94
Jun	—	255	—	194	—	148
Puts						
Nov	17	26	40	59	86	120
Dec	39	50	67	89	115	145
Jan	52	66	84	106	130	159
Feb	66	90	98	119	143	172
Jun	—	113	—	153	—	206

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	26½	35½	39½	9½	21	26
(*402)	420	11	20½	25½	25½	37½	43
Amstrad	25	4	5	6	1½	2½	3½
(*27½)	30	1½	2½	3½	4½	6	6½
Barclays	550	35½	50½	58	14	27	34½
(*566½)	600	12	25	35	41½	55	62½
Blue Circ	260	27	34	39	5½	8½	15
(*279)	280	14½	22½	27½	13½	17	25
Br Gas	260	24	31	35	4	8	13½
(*277)	280	11½	19½	23½	12	16½	25
Dixons	180	23	27½	32½	4½	9½	13
(*195½)	200	11	16	22	13	19	23
Forte	220	15½	22½	26	7½	9½	16
(*226)	240	6	12½	16	17½	21	27½
Hillsdwn	160	11	16	15	6½	9	14
(*165½)	180	3	7	9½	17	22	27½
Lonrho	130	10½	13½	17	7	12	13½
(*131)	140	6	9	12½	13	18	19
Sears	100	13½	15½	17½	2	3½	5½
(*109)	110	6½	10½	12	5	8	11
Thrn Emi	950	51	65	91	17	34	43½
(*973½)	1000	23½	39	62	41	60	67
Tomkins	200	15	21	27	6½	11	14
(*206)	220	5½	12	17½	17½	23	25½
TSB	200	25	28½	31½	3½	7½	10½
(*218½)	220	12	16½	20½	11½	17	20½
Wellcome	600	53	71½	83	16	25½	39½
(*630)	650	25	45½	57½	39½	53	65

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	36½	57½	68	1	15½	28½
(*583½)	600	1½	28½	42	—	38	54
HSBC	650	47	72½	86	1	18	37½
(*694½)	700	6	43½	58½	10½	38½	62½
Reuter	450	8	—	—	3½	—	—
(*455½)	462	2	—	—	10½	—	—

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
R-Royce	160	15	21	24	2½	6	10
(*171)	180	4	10½	14	12½	16	21

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	110	11½	15½	19	6	8½	11
(*115)	120	6½	11	15	12½	14½	16

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Gp	750	26	52	70½	24½	47	53
(*755)	800	9	31½	48½	56	75½	79½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	460	32	44½	55½	12	19	30½
(*480½)	500	13	24½	35½	33	40	49½
Scot Pwr	330	27½	36	44½	10	20½	25½
(*343½)	360	12½	22½	30	26½	36	39½

October 25 1994 Tot: 50971 Call: 19309 Put: 31662 FT-SE Call: 9462 Put: 19224
*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3003.0	3016.0	2981.0	3009.0	19899
Previous open interest: 57512	Mar 95	3009.0	3033.0	3009.0	3030.0	52
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.48	93.48	93.41	93.43	21740
Previous open interest: 442717	Mar 95	92.62	92.62	92.53	92.56	27507
	Jun 95	92.01	92.02	91.90	91.94	10122
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				93.96	0
Previous open interest: 4271	Mar 95				93.54	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.78	94.80	94.77	94.78	23762
Previous open interest: 648657	Mar 95	94.45	94.45	94.38	94.43	46722
Long Gilt	Dec 94	100-07	100-14	99-15	99-23	73327
Previous open interest: 100386	Mar 95				98-26	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.40	107.51	107.32	107.34	2015
	Mar 95				106.63	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	89.23	89.26	88.50	88.68	189363
open interest: 189635	Mar 95	88.34	88.34	87.85	87.90	746
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
month ECU	Dec 94	93.78	93.82	93.76	93.79	855
Previous open interest: 21309	Mar 95	93.29	93.33	93.25	93.30	396
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.75	95.79	95.74	95.77	2738
Previous open interest: 42234	Mar 95	95.44	95.44	95.39	95.41	3592
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	98.80	99.39	98.58	99.14	44743
Previous open interest: 63711	Mar 95	98.10	98.40	98.10	98.35	151

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	6-5¾	6½-6¼	7¼-7½
Interbank:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	6-5¾	6½-6¼	7¼-7½

Overnight: open 5¼, close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	6¼	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	6½-6¼	7¼-7½
Dollar CDs:	4.95-4.92	n/a	5.55-5.52	5.87-5.84	6.42-6.39
Building Society CDs:	5½-5¾	5¾-5½	6-5¾	6½-6¼	7¼-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82 %. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¾-4½	5-4¾	5½-5¼	6-5¾	4¾-3¾
Deutschemark:	4¾-4½	4¾-4½	5¼-5	5½-5¼	5-4
French Franc:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5½-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3¾-3½	3¾-3½	4¼-3¾	4¼-4½	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2½-2¼	2½-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.30-390.60 Close: $389.10-389.60 High: $390.20-390.60
Low: $388.60-389.10 AM: $389.60 PM: $389.20

Krugerrand: $388.50-390.50 (£237.25-239.25)

Platinum: $421.75 (£257.80) Silver: $5.32 (£3.255) Palladium: $156.35 (£95.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Oct 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7300-2.7436	2.7402-2.7436	⅛pr-par	¼-⅛pr
Brussels	50.12-50.36	50.24-50.34	4-1pr	12-3pr
Copenhagen	9.5110-9.5600	9.5450-9.5600	⅛-1⅛ds	⅛-1¼ds
Dublin	1.0124-1.0173	1.0133-1.0159	5pr-1ds	7-3pr
Frankfurt	2.4351-2.4479	2.4447-2.4479	⅛pr-par	¼-⅛pr
Lisbon	248.79-249.90	249.25-249.90	81-88ds	258-274ds
Madrid	203.22-204.06	203.76-204.06	36-44ds	97-112ds
Milan	2494.40-2506.00	2501.90-2506.00	6-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.2046-2.2211	2.2046-2.2077	0.11-0.06pr	0.19-0.10pr
New York	1.6338-1.6406	1.6355-1.6365	0.07-0.06pr	0.12-0.10pr
Oslo	10.5970-10.6490	10.6340-10.6490	⅛-⅜ds	1¼-2⅛ds
Paris	8.3390-8.3830	8.3680-8.3830	⅛pr-par	¼-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.5160-11.5810	11.5560-11.5810	1¾-2⅜ds	5⅛-6⅝ds
Tokyo	158.07-158.84	158.49-158.76	½-⅛ds	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.13-17.23	17.17-17.20	1¼-⅛pr	4-2⅝pr
Zurich	2.0273-2.0418	2.0386-2.0416	⅛-⅛pr	1-⅞pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3574-1.3579
Austria	10.52-10.53
Belgium (Com)	30.78-30.81
Canada	1.3489-1.3494
Denmark	5.8400-5.8430
France	5.1230-5.1240
Germany	1.4960-1.4970
Hong Kong	7.7267-7.7277
Ireland	1.6117-1.6132
Italy	1531.10-1632.60
Japan	97.04-97.09
Malaysia	2.5480-2.5490
Netherlands	1.6772-1.6777
Norway	6.5080-6.5110
Portugal	152.60-152.70
Singapore	1.4700-1.4710
Spain	124.68-124.73
Sweden	7.0693-7.0768
Switzerland	1.2479-1.2486

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6328-1.6355
Australia dollar	2.2178-2.2206
Bahrain dinar	0.61-0.62
Brazil real*	1.3893-1.3935
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland markka	7.3595-7.4755
Greece drachma	371.50-378.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.6370-12.6464
India rupee	50.75-51.71
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4795-0.4895
Malaysia ringgit	4.1669-4.1711
Mexico peso	5.52-5.62
New Zealand dollar	2.6676-2.6736
Pakistan rupee	49.53 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0645-6.1905
Singapore dollar	2.4045-2.4076
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4400-6.4931
S Africa rand (com)	5.7095-5.7180
U A E dirham	5.9380-6.0620

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	660	Legal & Gn	1,100
ASDA Gp	7,400	Lloyds Bk	4,300
Abbey Natl	5,500	MEPC	1,200
Allied Dom	1,100	Marks Spr	2,500
Argyll Gp	4,700	NatWst Bk	3,700
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Nat Power	3,300
AB Foods	202	Nth Wst W	410
BAA	3,100	P & O	2,100
BAT Inds	2,400	Pearson	529
BOC	528	PowerGen	658
BP	4,700	Prudential	7,300
BTR	14,000	RMC	719
BT	8,600	RTZ	2,200
Bk of Scot	1,900	Rank Org	1,800
Barclays	3,300	Reckitt Col	867
Bass	799	Redland	1,100
Blue Circle	2,000	Reed Intl	893
Boots	3,000	Rentokil	367
Bowater	892	Reuters	3,800
Brit Aero	390	Rolls Royce	3,300
Brit Airwys	3,400	Ryl Ins	1,700
Brit Gas	7,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100
Brit Steel	12,000	Sainsbury	4,300
Burmah Cstl	375	Schroders	105
Cable Wire	4,100	Scot & New	881
Cadbury	1,900	Scot Power	2,200
Caradon	2,000	Sears	4,900
Carlton Cms	965	Svrn Trent	963
Cm Union	496	Shell Trans	3,400
Courtaulds	488	Siebe	1,300
De La Rue	1,600	SmKl Bch	5,600
Eastern Elec	3,200	Smith Nph	459
Enterpr Oil	1,900	Sthern Elec	2,100
Forte	1,600	Std Chartd	5,800
GKN	1,500	Sun Allnce	1,000
GRE	1,700	TI Gp	1,000
GUS	2,300	TSB	2,300
Gen Acc	1,300	Tesco	1,700
Gen Elec	2,600	Thames W	790
Glaxo	2,900	Thrn EMI	634
Granada	517	Tomkins	2,500
Grand Met	2,800	Unilever	2,000
Guinness	3,700	Utd Bisc	754
HSBC	4,400	Vodafone	3,200
Hanson	10,000	Warburg (SG)	589
ICI	2,600	Wellcome	1,100
Inchcape	566	Whitbread	345
Kingfisher	2,700	Wlims Hld	1,000
Ladbroke	1,200	Wolseley	1,500
Land Secs	520	Zeneca	1,100

WALL STREET

	Oct 25 midday	Oct 24 close
AMP Inc	77½	77½
AMR Corp	51¼	51¼
AT & T	53½	54
Abbott Labs	30½	30½
Aetna Life	45½	45½
Ahmanson (HF)	19½	19½
Air Prod & Chem	44½	45½
Albertson's	28½	28½
Alcan Alumnm	27	27½
Alco Standard	58½	58½
Allied Signal	34½	34½
Alum Co of Am	85½	86½
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7½
Amerada Hess	48½	47½
Amer Brands	34½	35
Amer Cyanamid	98½	98½
Amer El Power	31½	31½
Amer Express	30½	29½
Amer Genl Corp	26½	25½
Amer Home Pr	62	60½
Amer Intl	90½	90½
Amer Stores	26½	25½
Ameritech	39	39½
Amoco	60½	60
Anheuser-Busch	50½	51
Apple Computer	41½	42½
Archer Daniels	27½	27½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	40½	41
Asarco	31½	32½
Ashland Oil	37½	37½
Atl Richfield	104½	101½
Auto Data Pro	56½	57½
Avery Dennison	34½	34½
Avon Products	59½	59½
Baker Hughes	19½	19
Baltm Gas & El	22½	22½
Banc One	27½	27½
BankAmerica	42½	42½
Bank of NY	30½	29½
Bankers Tr NY	65½	65½
Barnett Banks	41½	41½
Bausch & Lomb	32½	32½
Baxter Intl	24½	26½
Bectn Dicknsn	47½	47½
Bell Atlantic	50½	49½
BellSouth	51½	52½
Black & Decker	23½	23½
Block (H&R)	45½	45½
Boeing	43½	43½
Boise Cascade	26½	27½
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	57½	57½
Browning Ferris	30½	31½
Brunswick	19½	19½
Burlington Nthn	50½	50½
CBS	56½	58½
CNA Financial	61	61½
CPC Intl	52	51½
CSX	69½	69½
Campbell Soup	41	40½
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cpd Cities ABC	79½	77½
Carolina Pwr	25½	25½
Caterpillar	57½	58½
Central & SW	21½	22½
Champion Intl	37	37½
Chase Manhtn	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	35½	35½
Chevron Corp	43½	43
Chrysler	46½	45½
Chubb Corp	68½	69½
Cigna Corp	63½	63½
Citicorp	44½	44½
Clorox	53½	53½
Coastal Corp	25½	26½
Coca Cola	50	49½
Colgate-Palmolive	59½	59½
Columbia Gas	27½	27½
Compaq Comp	37½	37½
Comp Ass Intl	48½	48½
Conagra	31	30½
Cons Edison	24½	24½
Cons Nat Gas	36½	36½
Cons Rail	53½	52½
Cooper Inds	37½	37½
Corning Inc	33½	33½
Crown Cork	36½	37
Dana Corp	24½	24½
Dayton Hudson	77	77½
Deere	72½	72½
Delta Air Lines	46½	46½
Deluxe Corp	28½	28½
Detroit Edison	25½	25½
Digital Equip	29½	30½
Dillard Dept St	26½	26½
Disney (Walt)	38½	38½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donnelley (RR)	31½	31½
Dover Corp	58½	58½
Dow Chemical	73½	74½
Dow Jones	29½	29½
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Bradstreet	58½	58½
Du Pont	59½	59½
Eastman Kodak	47½	47½
Eaton Corp	50	50
Emerson Elec	60½	60½
Engelhard Corp	23½	23½

	Oct 25 midday	Oct 24 close
Enron Corp	31½	31½
Entergy	24	24
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	61½	59½
FMC Corp	60½	60½
FPL Group	32½	32½
Federal Express	61	61½
Fed Nat Mtge	74½	75
First Chicago	47½	47½
First Interstate	78½	77½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	34	34½
Fluor Corp	47½	48½
Ford Motor	29	28½
GTE Corp	30½	30
Gannett	48½	48½
Gap Inc Del	32½	33½
Gen Dynamics	42½	42½
Gen Electric	48½	47½
Gen Mills	56½	56½
Gen Motors	41½	40½
Gen Reinsurance	108½	108½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	36	35½
Georgia Pac	73½	75½
Gillette	74½	74
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44½
Goodyear Tire	34½	34
Grace (W&R)	38½	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24½	24½
Great Wstn Fin	17½	17½
Halliburton	31½	31½
Harcourt General	35½	36½
Heinz (HJ)	35½	35½
Hercules	101½	100½
Hershey Foods	47½	47½
Hewlett Packard	90½	93½
Hilton Hotels	59	58½
Home Depot	43½	43½
Homestake Mng	20½	20½
Honeywell	32½	33½
Household Intl	33½	33½
Houston Inds	34½	34½
Humana	22½	22½
ITT Corp	84½	84½
Illinois Tool	43½	43½
Illinova	19½	19½
INCO	29½	29½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	35
Inland Steel	34½	34½
Intel Corp	58½	59½
IBM	73½	73
Intl Flav & Fr	40½	40½
Intl Paper	76½	77½
James River Va	21½	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54½	54
Kellogg	57	57½
Kerr-McGee	46½	46
Kimberly-Clark	51	50½
Kmart	15½	15½
Knight-Ridder	50½	50½
Lilly (Eli)	60½	60½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
LIN Brdcstng	135	135
Lincoln Nat	35½	35½
Litton	37	38½
Liz Claiborne	23½	23½
Lockheed	70½	69½
Louisiana Pac	30½	30½
MCI Comm	22½	22½
Marriott Int	29½	29½
Marsh & McLen	79½	76½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	37½	37½
Maytag Corp	16½	16
McDonalds	27½	27½
McDonnell D	123½	124½
McGraw Hill	73	72½
Mead Corp	48½	49½
Medtronic	52½	53
Mellon Bk	54½	55½
Melville Corp	34½	32½
Merck Inc	34½	34½
Merrill Lynch	36½	35½
Minnesota Mine	54½	55½
Mobil Corp	81½	80½
Monsanto	76½	77½
Morgan (JP)	59½	59½
Motorola Inc	59½	55½
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	15½	15½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Intl	12½	12½
NBD Bancorp	29½	29½
NY Times A	22½	23½
Newmont Mng	42½	42½
Niag Mohawk	12½	12½
Nike B	60½	60½
NL Industries	11½	11½
Norand Energy	5½	6½
Nordstrom	44½	45½
Norfolk Sthrn	61½	60½
Nthn State Pwr	43½	44
Norwest Corp	23½	24
Nynex Corp	38½	38½
Occidental Pet	21	20½
Ohio Edison	18½	18½
Oracle Systems	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	14	13½

	Oct 25 midday	Oct 24 close
Owens Corning	31½	31½
PNC Financial	23½	23½
PPG Industries	38½	39½
Paccar Inc	41½	41½
Pacificorp	16½	16½
Pac Enterprises	20½	20½
Pac Gas & Elec	22½	22
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	44½	44½
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	49½	49½
Pennzoil	49½	48½
Pepsico	34½	34
Pfizer	72½	73½
Phelps Dodge	61½	62½
Philip Morris	61½	61½
Phillips Pet	34½	33½
Pitney Bowes	34½	34½
Polaroid	33½	33½
PriceCostco	15½	15½
Procter & Gmbl	61½	61½
Providian	30½	30½
Pub Serv E & G	25½	25½
Quaker Oats	72½	72½
Ralston Purina	41½	41½
Raychem Corp	37½	37½
Raytheon	61½	61½
Reebok Intl	38½	39½
Reynolds Metals	56½	56½
Roadway Srvcs	55	55½
Rockwell Intl	34½	35½
Rohm & Haas	60½	60½
Royal Dutch	111½	111½
Rubbermaid	26½	26½
Safeco Corp	49½	49½
St Paul's Cos	42½	41½
Salomon Inc	38½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	14½	15½
Sara Lee Corp	22½	22½
Scecorp	13½	13½
Schering Plough	70½	70½
Schlumberger	54½	54½
Scott Paper	61½	62½
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	47	46½
Shell Trans	68½	68½
Sherwin Wlms	32½	32½
Skyline Corp	20½	20½
Snap-On-Tools	31½	31½
Southern Co	19½	19
Sthwestern Bell	40	40
Sprint Corp	33½	34½
Stanley Works	40½	40½
Sun Company	31½	31½
Sun Microsys	30½	31½
Suntrust	48½	49½
Supervalu	24½	24½
Sysco Corp	24½	24½
TRW Inc	69½	70½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	18½	18½
Tandy Corp	43½	43½
Teledyne	16½	16½
Temple Inland	50½	50½
Tenneco	43½	43½
Texaco	63½	62½
Texas Inst	69½	69½
Texas Utilities	32½	32½
Textron	50½	50½
Time Warner	34½	34½
Times-Mirror	31½	32½
Thakon	35½	35½
Torchmark	37½	38½
Toys R Us	37½	37½
Transamerica	46½	46½
Travelers	33	32½
Tribune	51½	52½
Tyco Labs	48½	48½
UST Inc	28	27½
UAL	85½	86½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unicom	20½	21
Unilever NV	117½	117½
Union Camp	47½	47½
Union Carbide	34½	34½
Union Pacific	49½	48½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAir Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	31½	31½
US West	36	36½
United Tech	61½	61½
Unocal Corp	28½	27½
Upjohn	32½	32½
VF Corp	50½	50½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	73½	74½
Wells Fargo	143½	144½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	39½	38½
Whirlpool	51½	52½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	50½	50½
Woolworth	16½	16½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43½	41½
Xerox	107½	108½
Yellow Corp	18½	19

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When planning a financially secure old age goes astray

The mis-selling of personal pensions is likely to cost more than £1 billion. Robert Miller looks at what is being done

TONY WHITE



Andrew Large yesterday, when the SIB's report on the mis-selling of personal pensions was issued

Greed in the financial world takes many forms. But there is nearly always a victim, and the victim is generally the consumer. This was underlined, yet again, yesterday, when the Securities and Investments Board published its report into the mis-selling of personal pension plans.

A survey by Bacon & Woodrow, the firm of actuaries, indicates that pension providers and independent financial advisers will have to review automatically the files of 350,000 investors. These are people who may have been wrongly advised to transfer from their occupational pension scheme into a personal pension plan or who were advised not to join that scheme when they were eligible to do so.

Personal pensions became available from the summer of 1988, since when nearly 8 million have been sold. Neither the pensions industry nor the regulators emerge from the episode with much credit. A very large number of pension companies actively encouraged their sales forces to sell, sell, sell. And they did. The advantage for the pension companies was to swell their funds under management dramatically. As a reward, the sales staff were paid commissions on each sale. This, taken together with the up-front costs of setting up the pension plan, actually left little or no money at all to invest during the first year or 18 months.

The documentation supporting these sales were found, in many cases to be totally inadequate. For their part, the regulators did nothing to monitor effectively these sales. It was only as recently as last December that the SIB tackled the issue head-on and instigated the review that resulted in yesterday's *Pension Transfers and Opt-Outs — Review of Past Business*.

Nigel Masters, a partner at Coopers & Lybrand, the firm of accountants, said: "The trouble was that there were two very different types of animal going under the same name. You had, on the one hand, occupational schemes that offered guaranteed and clearly defined benefits in a package tailored to the individual employee. On the other, you had personal pensions, where the life company is concentrating on giving value for money and a reasonable return on the contributions."

One area that is not covered by the SIB review is cases where investors may have been wrongly advised to opt out of the State Earnings Related Pensions Scheme (Serps). This was another result of the Government's attempts since 1988 to encourage individuals to take greater responsibility for funding their future retirement by taking out a personal pension. As an incentive, the Department of Social Security rebated part of the investor's National Insurance Contribution to the personal pension. It was then up to individual policyholders whether or not they wanted to top-up the DSS rebate with funds of their own.

The basis for the Government's policy on personal pensions was, and still is, that more and more people are living longer and the State pension could never match people's expectations. The state pension is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, with those in work today paying for today's pensioners. But within the next two decades there will be fewer people in work supporting a far greater number of people in retirement. The first step towards a solution was personal pensions. The second, and one that is increasingly being adopted across Europe, is to raise the age at which the state pension becomes payable to 65, this disadvantaged far more women than men. The reaction of the pensions industry to last year's SIB review, which put a preliminary figure on the size of the problem, was at first to pretend that the initial findings were wildly exaggerated. Furthermore, they maintained, they would never advise anyone to leave a good occupational pension scheme for the uncertainty of a personal pension plan. Then, as thousands of nurses, teachers, miners and police officers started to make inquiries through their various unions about whether they had made the right decision to transfer out of their occupational schemes the pension companies started to make discreet provisions in case they had to pay out compensation.

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On Monday, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) said that it had already secured more than £150,000 in compensation for just ten teachers, with another 130 cases still to be settled. Based on the ten cases, the ATL estimates that full settlement of the outstanding cases would mean that the ATL's cases alone have gained £2.1 million in compensation from the pensions industry for bad advice.

The SIB, which is headed by Andrew Large, believes that these settlements are on the high side and that they will be by no means typical of the vast majority. Even so, the exercise is going to cost the pensions industry more than £1 billion. This will be swallowed up not just by the actual cost of compensation, but by the time spent in sifting through past records, negotiating settlements with the occupational schemes for reinstatement or costing out past and future benefits if an individual cannot be reinstated in the old scheme, and in lost sales opportunities. The SIB has set a deadline of December 1995 for reviewing the first tranche of cases, which include retired or dead investors. The second tranche, which includes those "non-joiners" aged 35 or more who were advised not to join their occupational schemes when they had a chance to do so. This review should be completed by June 1996. Finally, the third tranche covers those investors aged 35 or more at the time of the transaction and who are no longer in the same employment. This part of the review should be completed by December 1996. Apart from those 350,000 cases identified by the SIB as qualifying for an automatic review, nearly a million more people may be entitled to ask for their cases to be reviewed by the pension provider.

A full assessment requires three questions to be answered:

☐ Was there a material compliance fault, or did the pension company fail to follow the rules?

☐ Is there an actual or prospective loss?

☐ If so, is the loss the result of that fault?

If, and only if, the answer to all three questions is yes, is the investor entitled to redress.

The time and complexity of the ongoing SIB review, with the prospect of an up-date next year is going to keep the pensions mis-selling dispute in the public eye. While that is the case, many people will be deterred from taking out a personal pension plan. As a result, they could be the losers.

With some £500 billion invested in occupational and personal pensions, it is the largest pot of wealth belonging to individuals. It is also one of the most fiscally privileged, with tax breaks ringing fencing the initial contributions and the money while it is being invested. And personal pensions will increasingly play an even more important role in providing much needed funds for a happy, comfortable and reasonably prosperous retirement.

For its part, the pensions industry will have to take the compensation bill on the chin. If it is ever to emerge from the debacle with a shred of reputation in tact, it must not quibble in cases where bad advice was given and the investor disadvantaged. On the regulatory side, any back sliding by the pensions industry must be dealt with promptly and publicly.

Staff handlers weather the recession

Philip Bassett looks at the changing world of personnel management

Personnel management has had a tough time in the recession. Not, perhaps, as tough a time as the workforces it has downsized, re-sized, right-sized or otherwise sacked, but tough all the same.

For a start, it is no longer called that. Mostly it is called "human resources management' (HRM), interested in "human capital". Even the Institute of Personnel Management is no longer called that: now, after a merger, it is called the Institute of Personnel and Development, and its annual conference opens in Harrogate today.

Packed with guest speakers from Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, to Charles Handy, the management guru, stuffed with seeking tricks of the trade from the likes of McDonald's, Rover, Sony, Nissan, Glaxo, and Boots, and examining issues such as flexible working, performance management, pay and trade unionism, the IPD jamboree is an annual chance for managers to chat and network.

HRM theory, like other aspects of the extensive theories of management, is a key subject for the hundreds of practitioners who turn up and for the thousands who attend to pick up the latest information on how to do it.

Two studies launched in time for today's conference give some suggestions for a way forward for a specialism oddly in some difficulty justifying itself at a time when every political party and organisational theorist is emphasising the primacy of a company's employees as its central, sometimes its only real resource.

Alan Cave's study points out that HRM proponents have a hard time these days trying to peddle the "people are our greatest asset' line when they have fired so many of them in the economic downturn of the early 1990s. His book, blends together management theory, case study practice, searching analytical thinking and a great deal of practical experience as a union official and now a management consultant into a valuable account of how far employee relations have changed. He says that even where unions still exist in private-sector plants, HRM companies have often marginalised them and would expel them completely if, as one manager puts it, they "ever did cause trouble".

Sceptical about the jargon that obscures how the best can be got from people at work and virtually all writing about HRM, he makes a compelling case against the currently fashionable unitarist approach that essentially treats people merely as one other business function, like investment or environmental policy, and argues for a modernised pluralist approach that values people's contributions at work while emphasising their importance to corporate and economic efficiency and performance.

His emphasis on the primacy of employers in employee relations now is reflected in Clive Morton's personal account of striving world-class competitiveness, which is largely driven by his experience as founding personnel manager with the UK arm of Komatsu, the Japanese earth-moving equipment company, when it set up its factory in Birtley in the North-East in the mid-1980s, together with his subsequent work with Northern Electric and Rolls-Royce Industrial Power.

> **HRM companies have often marginalised unions**

Mr Morton is in a "unique position", as Sir John Harvey-Jones, the former ICI chairman, says in his introduction, to see the "glittering prizes" but also the difficulties and differences in working closely with an inward investor.

Personnel management used to like to invest itself with mystique, largely on the grounds that personnel people were the only ones who understood and could get a deal from the trade unions. With that largely gone as a corporate imperative, personnel managers have neatly re-engineered themselves by way of HRM.

The Cave study is much more cautious than the Morton account about how valuable that has been, but both are positive about the importance of good people management.

Managing Change in the Workplace, by A. Cave (Kogan Page, £25); *Becoming World Class*, by C. Morton (Macmillan Press, £25).

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

New laurels for Lord Sheppard

LORD Sheppard of Didgemere, better known until recently as Sir Allen Sheppard of Grand Metropolitan, has come a long way from his East End roots. Yesterday, he joined Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other luminaries at Southwark Cathedral — and departed clutching an honorary doctor of laws degree, courtesy of South Bank University. His citation re-affirmed just how far he has come in his 61 years. The son of a BR engine driver, he spent 18 years in the car industry before being headhunted, in 1975, to run GrandMet's Watneys brewery business. As a newspaper put it at the time, he had "gone from driving to drink". At the helm of GrandMet since 1987, his reputation often preceeds him. Guests were reminded of the time he was due to fly to America to see the chairman of Pillsbury, since bought by GrandMet. The Americans nervously awaited the arrival of Britain's so-called "toughest boss." But when he arrived, he flopped down on a settee and chatted about family matters and the US elections for an hour. When he left, a bemused businessman asked: "Was that really Allen Sheppard?"



Lord Sheppard yesterday

Sach's mission

DEREK Sach, former managing director of 3i now making waves at Royal Bank of Scotland, will soon be in the boardroom if he keeps this up. Two years after he was brought in to run the bank's intensive care unit for sick companies — and trying not to be a "beastly banker" he has been made director of group risk at RBS. Many will see his elevation as a reward for a successful stint in which he brought a new approach to the problems of bad debt. His specialised lending unit tries to keep problem customers in business — even if it means sacking management, or selling off parts of the company. He will be doing more of the same as head of risk, as well as finding new ways to measure return on capital, allocate capital around the divisions and generally to understand market risk. "Banks are good at measuring risk, but not so good at managing the rewards," he says. Amen to that.

Coffee kings

IT is said that Finns love coffee (in addition to stronger beverages). But they surely do not need to take over the industry. Earlier this year, Paulig, a family-owned Finnish firm, bought Allied-Lyons's ground coffee business to become UK market leader. Now Harri Mäki-Reinikka, first secretary at the Finnish Embassy, has been appointed chairman of the London-based International Coffee Organisation.

RAISED eyebrows yesterday when a stretch limo bearing the registration SIB pulled up outside the News International gatehouse. Could this be a pre-emptive strike by the Securities and Investments Board on the day of its pensions declaration? "Certainly not," said the driver. "This is an Irish car."

JON ASHWORTH

Victoria McKee looks at a challenge to play time

Game, set and virtual reality as toymakers end childhood at 10

Powerful forces are at play in the toy industry as the season of good selling approaches. Childhood, toy retailers would have it, now ends at 10. So traditional toys are replaced on Christmas lists by video games, music systems, CDs and clothes. Then there is the rush to exploit not just the pre-school market but newborn babies.

Some big toy names, such as Tomy, have diversified into baby safety equipment. Ironically, the very factors that have helped make childhood shorter — the high incidence of divorce, dual households, working mothers and Saturday fathers — are credited with increasing the intensity of toy sales despite the acknowledged "age compression" of the market.

Some children now have two sets of some things, one for their maternal home, the other for the paternal one, and a collection of portable toys. "Portable toys for portable kids will save the toy industry," predicted Susan Butenhoff, of Galoob Toys in America, when the company launched its Micro Machines range of miniature vehicles in the 1980s. A succession of Monsters In My Pocket and other portables followed, with video games companies producing hand-held models, such as Nintendo's Game Boy.

That principle has been partly responsible for the success of Bluebird Toys, the largest British toy company. Hornby, with its trains, Scalextrix, and Cassidy's, for children's snooker tables and imitation cookers, are the only other big players to remain British. Most of the industry is in the control of US and Japanese multinationals.

In the six months to June 30, Bluebird's turnover was a record £40.7 million (£23.7 million), with domestic sales up 49 per cent to £12 million and overseas sales up 84 per cent to £28.7 million. And the reason: the portable Polly Pocket range for girls and the more macho Mighty Max compact play sets and Doom Zones for boys. The prices range from £1.99, with most under £5, to £70 for special sets.

Chris Burgin, chief executive, said: "The number of journeys a child makes has increased so much. I can understand the guilt-aspect of toy purchases, too, although wise parents will learn that children take advantage of this and that unless they co-operate they will get drawn into a buying battle."

Mr Burgin added: "The toy industry isn't wonderfully buoyant at the moment, and some of this is its own fault because it hasn't pursued exciting new directions like it should have.

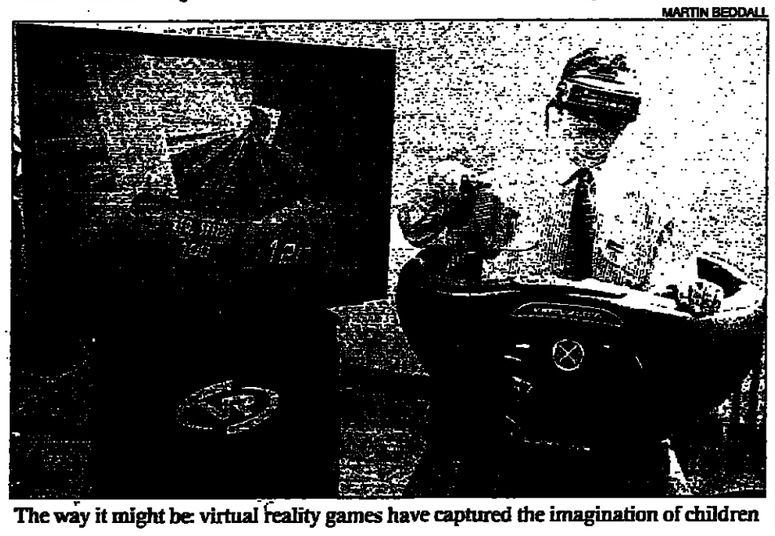
"It's allowed major manufacturers in sportswear, music, and confectionery to come into our business."

Peter Brown, chairman of the British Toy and Hobby Manufacturers' Association and president of K'nex International, which hopes to rival Lego, said: "The market can be expanded only when you create a truly innovative product — but unfortunately there hasn't been much recent innovation in the toy industry." K'nex toys are solid enough to be carried around without them collapsing. But the product was turned down by every large US toy company. The makers marketed it themselves and turned their toy into the best-selling construction game in the US.

Nostalgia toys, such as Matchbox's Thunderbirds and Hornby's railways, harness parent power. Barbie has surely only celebrated her 35th birthday because so many mothers have fond memories of her.

But the toy industry should have had more receptive antennae to changing social and market trends, Mr Burgin believes. Mr Brown agrees: "I think we have to learn to use all the weapons at our command."

MARTIN BEDDALL



The way it might be: virtual reality games have captured the imagination of children



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Growfund Equity	227.70	240.90	-3.70	1.28
Growfund Euro	192.50	203.70	-1.10	0.57
Growfund Exp Bal	113.20	117.30	...	2.07
Growfund Gilt	71.04	73.33	-0.35	4.55
Growfund Japan	176.40	187.20	-1.80	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	502.10	534.20*	-8.70	2.98
General Inc	442.80	471.10*	-7.70	2.98
UK Growth Acc	339.00	360.70*	-5.90	3.07
UK Growth Inc	232.00	246.00*	-4.10	3.07
Higher Inc Acc	635.40	676.40*	-10.30	4.34
Higher Inc Inc	367.50	391.00*	-5.90	4.34
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	177.20	187.20*	-1.40	6.28
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	86.16	91.01*	-0.69	6.28
Nth America	241.40	256.90*	-4.20	...
Far East	355.00	377.70*	-3.30	...
Europe	255.90	271.90*	-3.40	0.94
Brit Excel	66.04	70.09	-1.27	3.34
Brit Fndmtls Acc	95.12	101.20*	-1.20	5.62
Brit Fndmtls Inc	69.80	74.20*	-0.81	5.62
Global Opps	79.52	84.60	-1.05	1.29
Balanced Acc	51.42	54.71	-1.28	3.24
Balanced Inc	50.37	53.59*	-1.29	3.24
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	125.40	133.10*	-0.50	6.01
High Inc Equity	151.80	162.40*	-1.70	4.95
Worldwide Bond	251.90	267.30	-1.80	3.93
Capital Growth				
American Growth	264.70	282.20	-3.10	.81
Asian Pacific	336.10	357.50	-2.50	...
Assets & Earnings	247.40	263.20	-2.70	2.71
Comdty & Energy	118.40	126.00	-2.80	.22
Euro Capital Inc	125.20	133.90	-0.90	.72
General	210.90	224.30	-3.00	2.42
Japan	127.70	135.90	-0.90	...
Mastertrust	135.90	145.30	-1.30	1.18
UK Growth Dist	115.00	123.00*	-0.70	2.37
US Emerging Cos	124.00	132.60	-0.90	...
Income & Growth	361.50	384.60	-4.60	3.25
Ethical	65.93	70.14	-0.50	2.75
International	114.10	121.40	-1.20	.70
Dividend & Growth	57.59	61.27	-0.54	4.59
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ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.03	£17.13	..	..
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Aberdeen Portfolio	57.52	58.77	-0.80	0.84
Amer Inc & Growth	40.48	42.73*	-0.69	0.73
Cash	50.26	50.26*	+0.01	4.48
European	103.10	109.40	-1.10	...
Exempt	975.80	£10.40*	-3.50	1.79
Extra Income	48.26	51.63*	-0.59	4.60
Far East Emg Ecn	116.00	125.40	-1.10	0.50
Fixed Interest	21.73	23.20*	-0.12	7.91
Fund Inv Tst	171.70	183.30*	-2.20	0.91
Japan	186.00	199.20	-1.00	...
Latin American	73.62	78.51	-1.30	0.61
Pacific	72.79	77.95	-0.56	0.34
Property Share	63.14	67.41	-0.63	1.70
UK Emerging Cos	61.72	65.90	-0.43	1.88
UK Growth	42.05	45.42*	-0.56	2.57
World Growth	70.54	75.29	-1.08	0.72
Ethical	59.53	63.55	-0.25	2.26
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.52	48.82*	-0.16	6.66
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AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 25 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	65.66	69.87*	-0.72	2.72
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ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.27	76.66*	-0.67	2.59
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ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	215.40	229.20*	-2.40	3.55
Capital	385.10	411.60*	-3.00	1.89
Balanced	644.20	685.60	-6.60	2.59
Accumulator	£11.67	£12.47	-13.00	2.15
Income Trusts				
American Income	44.16	47.20	-0.55	3.90
High Income	271.60	297.40*	-4.30	3.88
Equity Income	211.10	225.60	-2.30	3.79
High Yield	227.40	243.00*	-2.30	3.66
Govt Securities	31.61	33.38*	-0.22	5.45
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	130.80	139.30*	-1.50	0.43
European Growth	33.22	35.40	-0.55	0.08
International	154.40	166.00	-1.90	0.23
Japan	215.90	230.30	-1.50	0.01
Pacific	407.60	435.70	-4.10	0.02
Secs of America	383.90	408.40	-5.30	0.46
Wwide Asset Val	46.43	49.63	-0.60	0.20
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	491.50	525.40	-5.40	2.47
Conv & Gilt	42.56	45.51	-0.27	4.81
Smaller Cos	159.40	170.30	-0.70	1.33
2nd Smaller Cos	150.80	161.20*	-0.60	1.27
Recovery	128.60	137.40*	-1.00	1.90
Met Min & Cdty	151.30	161.70*	-2.20	0.87
Oseas Earnings	329.00	351.60	-2.90	2.09
Technology	151.90	162.30*	-1.60	0.01
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B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Chtrd Oil Pens	95.45	100.20*	...	1.45
Foundtn Pers Pens	61.36	63.75*	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 77 South Audley St, London W1Y 6DX 0171 600 0035				
Capital	66.11	70.33	-1.41	1.88
International	61.00	64.89	...	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	267.50	285.60	-2.90	.
Bond	105.10	110.60*	-1.00	7.61
Brit Smlr Cos	95.98	102.00	-0.40	1.38
Conv & Gen	64.16	68.47	-0.41	5.48
Energy	412.30	440.10	-4.00	0.22
Europe	214.90	229.00	-3.70	0.49
Euro Smlr Cos	100.90	107.60	-0.80	0.87
Income Gwth	325.10	347.00	-2.40	4.54
Japan	330.40	351.10*	-1.80	...
Pacific	105.50	112.30	-1.50	0.76
UK Smlr Cos	50.07	53.27	-0.14	0.92
Japan Fd	751.90	774.60	-4.80	...
Mngd Fd	162.40	172.80*	-2.40	3.12
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	268.70	282.90	-0.20	1.31
Capital Gwth	105.70	111.30	-1.50	2.40
Wwide Opps	178.30	187.70	+2.00	0.42
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	321.70	335.10*	-4.10	2.97
European Bd Inc	87.89	90.98	-0.26	7.59
Exempt	69.47	73.03*	-0.93	4.52
Financial	69.06	73.66	-0.75	2.97
500.0	428.50	458.30	-2.0	2.45
General	256.40	274.30*	-3.30	2.79
Property	246.90	264.00	...	6.11
Trustee	171.10	183.00	-2.10	2.66
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.20*	...	4.75
Extra Income	109.30	116.90*	-1.30	4.30
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.49	57.34	-0.20	9.01
Income	495.00	529.40	-5.30	4.24
Income Builder	59.58	63.70	-0.47	4.97
Intl Income	60.95	64.84	-0.37	3.68
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	109.40	116.70	-1.70	2.82
Leisure	113.90	121.80	-1.10	1.45
Recovery	390.40	417.60	-3.80	2.61
Smllr Cos Inc	41.00	43.97	-0.10	2.11
Special Sits	261.10	279.20	-2.40	1.74
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	118.10	125.30	-1.50	0.68
Aust Acc	239.30	254.60	-3.50	2.16
Aust Inc	148.80	158.30	-2.20	2.16
Euro Gwth Inc	143.20	152.00	-1.10	0.76
Japan & Gen Inc	186.70	197.70	-0.80	.
Japan Spec Sits	86.27	91.39	-0.43	.
Univ Tech Inc	77.29	82.14	-0.36	0.33
Worldwide	164.90	175.10	-1.80	0.72
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	85.56	90.93	-0.87	...
Amer Smllr Cos	118.10	126.80	-2.30	..
Cash Trust	50.17	50.17	.	4.10
Convertibles	54.24	58.00*	-1.42	5.50
Eastern	280.50	302.10	-4.20	0.10
Equity Income	83.31	88.62*	-0.98	5.10
European Growth	274.10	290.80	-4.30	1.00
Europe	205.40	220.40	-2.70	0.60
German Growth	67.72	71.98	-0.82	0.10
Global Bond	60.38	63.60	-0.29	6.40
Global Growth	119.60	127.60	-1.10	..
Japan Growth	206.50	220.10	-1.40	..
Japan Sunrise	184.90	196.80	-1.10	..
Korea Trust	86.12	95.99	-0.04	...
Portfolio	125.50	134.30	-1.50	1.60
UK Growth	82.04	87.27	-0.93	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	95.35	91.29*	-0.55	1.50
Select Managers	71.18	76.26	-0.71	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Pen Inc	74.77	79.54	-1.60	...
Special Oppor Inc	54.57	58.05	-0.34	..
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	164.60	176.00	-2.50	1.50
Dividend	79.68	85.22	-1.24	3.89
Int Gth & Inc	201.90	215.80	-2.10	3.20
UK & Gen	41.78	44.68	-0.30	1.52
Fund of Funds	63.11	67.50*	-0.22	.
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	98.44	104.17*	-1.14	1.78
Smaller Cos	99.93	105.74	-0.20	1.33
Higher Yield	42.35	44.81*	-0.23	3.65
American Gth Inc	65.72	69.56	-1.39	..
European Growth	129.10	136.61*	-0.80	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.51	26.94	-0.19	6.52
Mngd Pfolio Inc	40.36	42.69	-0.31	1.09
Int Spec Opps	112.48	119.02	-1.11	0.44
Pacific Grth	130.70	138.31	-1.40	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General	72.37	76.53	-0.26	2.09
Japan	65.57	69.31	-0.42	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.50	94.30	-0.57	6.21
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	63.68	64.51	-0.11	6.60
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	145.00	154.30	-0.90	1.69
UK Growth	159.00	164.90	-2.31	2.42
UK Income	123.10	131.00*	-1.20	4.63
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	175.30	165.90	-2.80	2.13
-do- Income Dist	100.30	106.30*	-1.10	4.70
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.31	40.61	-0.36	6.70
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	139.70	148.70*	-1.90	..
European Inc	73.25	77.70	-1.21	0.40
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.13	82.06*	-0.26	1.91
Growth	391.30	416.30*	-4.30	2.42
Income & Growth	378.40	402.60	-6.50	4.12
Japan & Gen	75.70	80.57	-0.26	...
Master Portfolio	£99.80	£102.77	-£1.39	2.01
Special Sits	90.38	96.15	-1.15	2.50
High Yield	£12.39	£12.77	-20.00	4.55
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	33.26	35.57*	-0.25	0.29
Cash Income	50.62	50.62	...	5.09
European Gwth	37.52	39.99	-0.62	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.35	27.11*	-0.39	4.57
Intnl Gwth	29.47	31.51	-0.36	0.13
Japan Gwth	29.39	30.32	-0.14	..
Managed Tst Inc	45.73	48.90	-0.44	1.04
Oriental Opps Inc	140.90	150.60	-4.30	...
Property Shares	35.65	38.12	-0.33	0.65
Smaller Cos	29.50	31.55*	-0.11	1.62
UK Growth Tst	24.17	25.85	-0.15	2.41
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	68.54	73.20	-0.75	1.42
Cap Hse UK Inc	63.92	68.36	-1.16	2.56
Exempt (E)	29.34	30.70	..	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	134.10	143.40	-1.90	1.73
Foundation	86.39	92.39*	-0.98	2.42
German	48.44	51.56	-0.66	..
High Income	70.24	75.12*	-0.90	5.96
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	..	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	..	1.07
Monthly Income	78.40	83.85	-0.75	4.21
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.10	85.42	..	2.37
American Portfolio	84.24	89.75	..	1.24
European Portfolio	92.63	98.80*	..	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	68.87	73.20	..	...
Pacific Portfolio	140.03	150.57	..	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	72.49	77.69*	..	3.68
Utility & Bond	54.97	55.63	..	6.13
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	61.35	65.26	-0.94	3.07
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	129.24	140.71	..	..
UK Income	105.60	115.56	..	5.202
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	70.47	75.27	..	2.32
Beck Bio-Tech	24.37	27.64	..	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.60	155.26	..	1.32
City Fin Assets	66.95	71.22*	..	1.09
City Fin America	75.76	82.90	..	..
City Fin Intl	76.86	80.91*	..	0.49
City Fin Japan	172.97	182.07	..	..
Friars Hse Cap	257.81	276.99	..	1.53
Friars Hse Inc	192.85	205.16	..	3.96
Buckley Wrld Grth	132.92	141.40*	..	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	139.10	146.42	..	..
-do- Inc & Gth	108.27	113.97	..	1.61
Fairmount Intl	155.91	164.12	..	..
City Fin Pflio Inc	53.98	57.43	..	4.28
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	56.53	59.98	-0.27	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	50.32	53.52	-0.92	..
Allas Mngd Gwth	35.25	37.70	-0.42	0.26
Dragon Growth	69.22	74.03	-0.85	0.21
Equity High Inc	77.34	82.28	-1.10	4.07
European Gwth	46.90	49.59	-0.79	0.94
Evergreen	27.72	29.65	-0.21	..
General Equity	77.42	82.14	-1.15	2.70
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.29	24.49*	-0.25	8.49
Japan Growth	53.27	56.97	-0.54	..
Pedigree Gwth	47.22	50.23	-0.62	2.76
Fed Sm Cos Inc	29.67	31.79	-0.07	1.09
Retirement Inc	24.50	26.20	-0.31	5.71
Special Sits	35.59	38.06	-0.41	1.94
UK & Overseas	45.61	48.52	-0.70	1.19
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 895 000				
Capital	62.00	66.31	-0.99	2.40
Income	56.26	60.19	-0.90	4.39
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	147.63	157.27*	-2.69	5.70
Fixed & Convertible	34.32	36.77*	-0.25	7.72
Monthly Inc Plus	46.45	49.41	-0.17	9.07
Preference Share	44.78	47.62*	+0.94	7.70
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	115.46	122.10*	-1.45	7.61
Managed Fund	63.22	67.20*	-0.87	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.91	40.33	-0.22	1.68
UK & General	72.34	76.96*	-1.92	2.49
UK Growth	129.36	137.62	-2.25	2.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	175.66	196.56	-2.77	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	132.75	141.22	-1.63	..
Global Bond	71.77	76.29*	-0.77	6.84
Japan Growth	126.35	134.41	-0.70	...
North Amer Grth	146.32	155.66	-0.71	..
Oriental Growth	76.23	81.10	-2.04	..
Worldwide Growth	59.92	63.74*	-0.74	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.67	91.67*	+0.01	4.64
Homemaker Fund	72.80	77.45	-1.25	1.95
Quilter Fund	120.51	128.20	-2.08	3.06
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.57	58.05	-0.85	3.10
High Income	31.44	33.48*	-0.39	4.90
Japan	36.58	38.91	-0.25	..
Smaller Cos Inc	29.92	31.82	-0.07	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.38	33.39	-0.07	2.40
North American	30.65	32.60	-0.42	0.40
European	34.26	36.44	-0.58	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.84	32.01	...	3.37
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.20	142.90	-0.70	2.05
Income	67.13	71.42	-0.41	5.18
European	57.36	61.03	-1.10	0.97
Recovery	140.10	149.10	+1.00	1.87
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	801.30	815.00*	...	3.93
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	66.76	71.02*	-0.45	1.36
Income	219.90	233.90*	-3.20	4.97
Smaller Cos	143.30	152.40	-0.50	0.88
Inv Portfolio	73.99	78.71	-0.89	1.52
High Income Port	64.21	68.30	-0.91	5.08
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.02	£15.41	..	..
Japan Small Cos	£13.02	£13.28	..	..
UK Small Cos	£17.29	£18.04	..	..
US Small Cos	£15.32	£15.76	..	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	199.60	210.20	.	2.72
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	254.50	269.10	-3.90	1.04
New Asia	214.00	228.80*	-2.90	..
Japan Growth	125.30	133.40*	-0.70	..
Jap Smllr Co	525.90	559.00	-1.90	...
Nth Amer	233.80	248.10	-3.00	0.96
Shlfrd Asia Pac Mt	119.60	126.60	-1.70	0.36
UK Inc & Grth	198.00	211.40*	-3.50	2.85
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.60	141.10	-1.60	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	141.10	150.10	-1.70	4.80
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.96	59.42	-0.23	5.28
Envrnmntl Opps	79.03	84.07	-0.71	1.12
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	111.60	118.40	-1.30	1.48
Convertibles	20.15	21.41*	-0.16	7.01
Equity Income	119.20	126.70*	-1.70	4.18
EuroFund	42.07	44.56	-0.33	0.45
Financial	43.47	46.19	-0.83	1.73
Growth & Inc	217.40	231.00	-2.90	3.33
High Dist	145.70	154.80	-2.30	4.84
International	382.90	406.80	-5.00	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	90.50	96.61*	-1.72	3.11
Latin American	46.66	49.60	-1.26	..
Pacific	87.79	93.28	-0.97	..
Preference Share	21.23	22.56*	-0.10	7.31
Tokyo	234.60	248.80*	-2.90	..
UK Smaller Cos	212.80	226.10	-0.50	1.27
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	207.74	222.08	+3.31	0.99
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	196.70	209.30*	...	0.52
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	73.56	77.43	-1.05	1.77
Ethical Tst	42.99	45.25	-0.41	1.28
Far Eastern	300.77	316.60	-2.36	1.67
High Income	125.46	132.06	-1.20	4.88
Intl Growth	115.71	121.80	-1.20	1.36
North American	101.41	106.75	-1.81	1.22
Pelican	108.86	114.59*	-1.24	3.36
Smaller Cos	68.81	72.43	+0.10	2.31
Special Sits	85.56	90.06	-0.55	2.43
Tst of Inv Tsts	178.34	187.73	-1.73	1.49
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071-407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	202.80	211.25*	-0.48	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	354.92	369.71*	-0.84	1.41
Recovery	51.99	54.16	-0.17	1.20
Recovery Acc	52.12	54.29	-0.17	1.20
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.10	112.87	-0.09	6.00
Capital Growth	79.30	84.93*	-1.23	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	43.63	46.53	-0.54	0.62
High Income	43.33	46.44*	-0.50	9.91
Warrant	57.00	61.06*	-0.63	..
Zero Preference	34.66	36.77	+0.05	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	71.76	76.53*	-0.73	2.43
Family Income Tst	45.95	45.95*	-0.54	5.64
Family Trust	84.53	89.91*	...	1.06
United Charities	249.00	264.90*	-2.50	2.70
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.80
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.13	26.38*	-0.05	8.10
Intl Bond	26.24	27.24*	-0.08	5.55
Income Funds				
High Income	24.63	25.92*	-0.09	5.40
Income Plus	107.90	114.40	-0.90	3.79
Amer Eq Inc	43.30	45.87	-0.68	1.15
European Income	40.79	43.16	-0.31	2.18
Far East Inc	60.64	64.53	-0.40	2.38
Global Convertible	21.93	23.40*	-0.14	3.79
UK Div Grth	22.74	24.18	-0.34	1.26
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.34	69.70*	-0.90	...
American	218.20	231.40	-3.40	...
Amer Spec Sits	106.00	113.10	-1.10	...
Japan Smaller Cos	42.34	45.17	-0.14	...
European	159.40	168.50*	-1.60	...
European Opps	60.06	63.89	-0.34	...
Global Priv	23.51	25.02	-0.21	1.42
UK Growth	84.95	90.33	-0.93	...
Growth & Inc	136.70	145.40	-2.20	2.69
Intl PEP	34.72	36.92	-0.44	...
Japan Spec Sits	96.83	103.30	-0.50	...
Japan	200.00	213.50	-0.80	...
Managed Intl	260.90	277.90	-2.80	...
Moneybuilder	51.12	54.36	-0.40	...
Recovery	46.02	48.94	-0.28	...
South E Asia	146.50	156.30*	-2.60	...
Special Sits	496.50	527.70	-0.40	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.89	106.89	+0.01	4.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	134.30	137.50*	..	1.58
Inc Pfolio	81.70	83.25	-1.37	3.76
Cap Pfolio	137.30	140.00	-2.10	0.93
General Opps	119.10	121.20*	..	3.43
Growth Inc	29.26	29.93	-0.40	1.78
Private Portfolio	357.90	396.80	...	1.49
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin: PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	105.90	112.00	-1.60	0.55
Emrg Asian	170.80	182.70*	..	..
High Income	21.07	22.44*	-0.09	10.03
Oseas Income	86.30	92.16	-1.20	3.10
UK Growth	102.90	110.10	-1.60	1.70
UK Income	99.10	105.80	-1.60	4.35
US Smaller Cos	270.50	289.30*	-3.30	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.22	48.11	-0.88	3.50
-do- Inv Tst Inc	73.75	78.46*	-0.64	4.21
Intl Growth	69.42	73.85	-0.76	1.21
Investment Trust	88.61	94.27*	-0.79	..
UK Smaller Cos	75.86	80.70	-0.46	1.33
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	50.09	53.51	-0.97	...
(Accum Units)	50.08	53.51	-0.97	...
Amer Smllr Cos	431.00	460.90	-4.50	...
(Accum Units)	440.30	470.80	-4.60	...
Capital Tst	298.30	317.30	-1.10	1.59
(Accum Units)	426.00	453.10	-1.60	1.59
Contl Smllr Cos	56.57	61.04	-0.25	0.56
(Accum Units)	59.49	64.19	-0.26	0.56
Convertible	127.30	135.40	-0.70	5.56
(Accum Units)	251.20	267.10	-1.30	5.56
Emerging Markets	78.59	83.96	-0.96	..
(Accum Units)	78.67	84.04	-0.95	...
European	111.10	118.00	-2.00	0.05
(Accum Units)	116.40	123.60	-2.10	0.05
Extra Income	312.70	332.60	-3.30	4.04
(Accum Units)	462.80	492.20	-4.90	4.04
Financial	112.50	121.30	-1.20	0.22
(Accum Units)	118.70	127.70	-1.30	0.22
Gilt Trust	59.53	61.39	-0.32	6.40
(Accum Units)	83.14	85.74	-0.44	6.40
Health Fund Inc	117.10	125.10	-1.10	...
(Accum Units)	117.10	125.10	-1.10	...
Income & Growth	180.60	192.10	-2.40	3.47
(Accum Units)	263.60	280.50	-3.60	3.47
Intl Growth	338.70	361.40*	-4.00	...
(Accum Units)	376.10	401.30*	-4.40	...
Japan & Gen	185.00	197.80	-1.50	...
(Accum Units)	186.90	199.80	-1.50	...
Managed Port Inc	99.56	104.80	-1.00	1.45
(Accum Units)	105.60	111.10	-1.10	1.45
Monthly Income	155.00	164.80	-1.20	4.05
Quarterly Income	50.17	53.36	-0.49	4.58
(Accum Units)	52.86	56.22	-0.52	4.58
Recovery	332.60	355.60	-2.70	0.06
(Accum Units)	391.50	418.60	-3.20	0.05
UK Growth	49.06	52.40	-0.77	2.86
(Accum Units)	50.75	54.20	-0.79	2.86
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, P'mth Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342				
FP Equity Dist	364.40	387.60	..	3.10
-do- Accum	760.40	808.90	..	3.10
FP Euro Gth Dist	133.90	142.40	...	0.23
-do- Accum	139.50	148.40	...	0.23
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.20	134.50*	...	7.29
-do- Accum	230.30	243.50*	...	7.29
FP Intl Gth Dist	90.41	96.18	..	0.53
-do- Accum	94.29	100.30	..	0.53
FP Nth Amer Dist	173.50	183.70	..	0.65
-do- Accum	190.30	201.50	..	0.65
FP Pac Basin Dist	315.10	335.20	..	0.03
-do- Accum	321.50	342.00	..	0.03
Stewardship Dist	318.00	338.20	..	2.14
-do- Accum	384.60	409.10	..	2.14
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	69.87	74.32	..	3.70
-do- Accum	89.28	94.97	..	3.70
N Am Stshp Dist	93.03	98.96	..	0.62
-do- Accum	98.52	104.80	..	0.62
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	104.60	111.20	-0.10	0.89
Open Cap Gth Acc	108.10	114.90	-0.20	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	100.60	107.00	..	1.73
Cap Gth Inc Acc	102.20	108.70	..	1.73
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	102.70	109.20	+0.10	1.67
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.20	110.80	+0.10	1.67
NM Unit Trusts				
American	40.38	42.95	-0.41	1.48
Australian	309.00	331.50	-4.80	0.0
Conscience	68.30	72.89	-0.54	0.45
European	187.30	199.20	-3.0	0.67
Extra Income	67.90	72.46*	-1.04	6.12
Gilt & FI	54.55	57.69	-0.29	6.43
Gold	55.22	59.37	-1.57	0.0
Income	51.11	54.51	-1.34	4.08
Intnl	31.53	33.64	-0.39	0.63
Jap Smaller Cos	387.90	413.60	-3.10	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	262.40	281.30	-1.80	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.67	30.82	-0.80	0.61
Special Sits	33.51	36.03*	-0.66	1.91
Sterling Deposit	100.50	100.50*	..	4.80
Tokyo	90.47	96.50	-0.59	0.0
UK Equity	161.40	172.10	-2.70	2.25
US Smaller Cos	104.60	111.80	-0.70	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 257, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	222.50	235.20	-2.40	2.51
Cash	49.64	50.38	+0.01	3.76
Growth Portfolio	75.13	79.64	-0.62	0.73
Income Portfolio	60.06	63.50	-0.80	4.65
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	160.50	171.70	-2.70	...
European	530.70	567.60	-5.90	0.48
Far East & Gen	282.50	302.20	-0.10	...
Germany	113.70	120.80*	-1.20	..
Income Inc	142.50	152.40	-1.40	4.63
International	330.50	353.50	-3.10	0.20
Intl Income	75.16	79.79	-1.19	4.33
Japan & General	409.30	435.70	-3.70	...
Korean Securities	76.06	81.35	+3.02	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.70	48.88	-0.33	4.87
UK Capital (Inc)	163.10	174.50	-1.80	1.00
UK Spec Sits	81.31	86.97*	-0.86	0.65
US & General	125.90	134.10	-1.90	..
Wwide Spec Sits	153.90	164.50	-1.40	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.08	47.14	-0.77	2.90
Cash Trust	135.03	135.03	+0.01	4.82
Practical Inv Inc	110.12	117.78*	...	3.52
UK Index	137.05	139.47*	-2.18	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	112.95	120.80*	-0.36	1.32
Income Funds				
Preference Share	22.58	24.15*	-0.05	10.14
High Income	31.39	33.57	-0.42	5.42
UK Equity Income	128.95	137.91*	-1.77	3.69
Global Bond	26.22	27.20*	-0.20	5.48
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	56.62	60.56	-0.70	..
Global Inc & Gth	126.16	134.27*	-1.62	2.00
Gold & Intl Res	122.04	130.52	-0.13	..
Global Utilities	128.74	137.68	-1.56	1.10
Overseas Funds				
American	129.30	137.83	-1.43	1.02
European	91.71	97.29	-1.22	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	132.21	140.63	-0.83	..
Amer Emerging	89.12	95.32	-0.49	..
Hong Kong	135.59	144.99	-2.54	1.48
Japan	252.04	266.76	-2.03	...
Pacific Growth	222.34	237.80	-2.58	1.31
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	200.93	200.93*	-2.36	2.17
Long Term Bal	217.96	217.96*	-2.70	2.74
Med Term Bal	185.27	185.27*	-1.75	3.48
UK Equity	220.54	220.54	-3.08	2.75
UK Emerging Cos	135.56	135.56	-0.63	2.25
American	209.41	209.41*	-2.98	1.56
Japan	128.73	128.73*	-1.39	..
European	239.39	239.39*	-3.04	1.01
Index Linked Gilt	162.19	162.19	-0.34	2.97
Fixed Interest	148.18	148.18	-1.37	6.94
Amer Emergng	237.50	237.50	-1.43	...
Pacific	240.12	240.12	-2.00	0.60
Emerging Mkts	167.14	167.14	-2.48	0.11
Index Strat Japan	156.97	156.97	..	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	190.55	190.55	..	1.00
-do- Cont Europe	141.38	141.38	..	1.94
Index Strat USA	122.39	122.39	..	2.51
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.80	100.85	-1.18	..
Med Term Bal	88.00	93.62	-0.88	...
Long Term Bal	98.02	104.28	-1.29	...
UK Equity	101.56	108.36	-1.51	...
UK Emerging Cos	63.53	67.58	-0.32	..
American	97.10	103.30	-1.47	..
Japan	61.91	65.76	-0.71	...
European	99.53	105.89	-1.34	...
Fixed Interest	74.64	79.40	-0.74	..
Index Linked Gilt	71.91	76.50	-0.16	..
Deposit	78.99	84.03	+0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	121.65	128.05	-0.42	..
Berkeley Income	109.09	114.83	+0.19	2.22
BWH Intl	135.76	142.91*	-0.07	0.59
Brdlff Gth Port Inc	58.68	61.93*	+0.02	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.25	57.24*	+0.09	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.03	54.91	-0.11	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.44	60.62	-0.59	2.54
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
$ Intl Inc	532.06	566.02	...	0.85
European Inc	138.13	146.95	-4.32	0.95
Amalgam Inc	145.49	154.04	...	...
N America Inc	310.56	330.38	...	...
Far East Inc	356.82	379.60	..	..
UK Divfd Inc	172.76	183.79	..	1.30
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7988				
UK Equity Inc	84.57	89.06	-1.12	4.73
UK Small Cos	45.38	48.53*	-0.10	0.92
British Growth	49.66	52.50	-0.77	2.48
American Gwth	151.04	161.54	-0.24	...
Japan Gwth	81.32	86.98	-0.38	...
Greater China	194.34	207.85	-0.52	..
Pacific Strategy	171.70	183.64	-2.98	..
European Gwth	80.89	86.52*	-0.71	0.12
Intl Growth	141.60	151.54	-0.95	...
US Index (E)	12.17	12.82	-0.17	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.54	75.78	-0.75	2.23
Monthly Income	36.93	39.35*	-0.35	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealings 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	9.47	9.98	-0.35	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	99.85	95.56	...	1.23
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	136.80	136.80*	..	4.01
European	455.40	486.50	-5.40	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	122.10	129.60	-0.60	5.11
Growth Equity	313.60	335.00	-3.70	1.99
Income Trust	121.40	129.60	-1.40	3.17
International	174.70	186.60*	-1.90	...
Japan Trust	132.10	141.10	-0.60	..
Nth American	239.40	255.20*	-2.70	0.26
Pacific	557.20	595.30*	-7.00	...
Guardhill	459.40	490.80	-4.70	2.02
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	97.96	101.66	-0.09	7.01
Global High Inc	96.44	100.09	-0.08	7.31
Prem Fixed Int	98.08	101.81	-0.37	8.74
Eqty & Bond Inc	96.45	102.55*	-0.60	5.12
European Growth	96.81	102.93	+0.06	..
Intl PEP Trust	56.69	60.28	-0.06	..
High Income	116.30	123.55	-0.48	4.06
Recovery	367.40	390.70*	-0.40	1.45
St Vinc High Inc	122.84	124.68	+3.41	7.00
Tmp Bar Emer Co	243.70	259.10	+0.20	1.47
Tmp Br Sm Co In	359.90	366.30	-0.20	1.93
Glob Priv Tst	90.04	95.73*	+0.57	1.24
Inc Share Tst	90.56	96.29*	-0.12	8.36
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 300				
Model Pfolio	190.90	202.90	-2.50	2.71
Smaller Cos	32.53	34.61	-0.12	0.95
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	279.07	298.60	-2.50	1.46
Best of British	59.34	63.07	-1.09	2.76
UK Smaller Cos	120.19	129.20	-0.70	1.29
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	259.57	276.43	-3.75	3.25
High Income	301.52	322.32*	-2.46	4.13
Extra Income	261.65	278.26*	-3.02	5.98
Pref & Gilt	42.65	45.84*	-0.07	9.44
International				
International	261.61	279.28*	-3.60	0.07
Global Bond	49.99	53.15*	-0.42	5.62
Family of Funds	79.93	85.53	-0.17	0.12
Global Tech	140.05	149.78	-1.34	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	184.06	196.93	-2.62	...
European	439.08	465.80*	-7.33	0.52
European Income	76.79	81.23	-0.52	2.79
Euro Smlr Cos	145.12	155.71*	+0.22	..
Eur Sp Sits	66.76	71.02*	-0.18	0.10
Japan Trust	226.94	241.32	-1.62	...
Japan Special Sits	255.03	271.49*	-1.99	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	270.18	287.42*	-2.77	...
North American	215.41	229.00	-3.68	0.38
American Smaller	96.00	102.62*	-1.10	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	51.55	54.64	...	...
Eur Sp Sits	57.54	60.99	-0.16	...
General Growth	39.94	42.33	-0.71	...
Global Tech	54.78	58.06	-0.54	...
Income Growth	39.49	41.85	-0.54	...
Japan Growth	27.76	29.42	-0.30	...
Overseas Growth	38.22	40.51	-0.53	...
Smaller Cos	21.44	22.72	-0.53	...
Special Opps	28.51	30.22	-0.14	...
Wwide Sp Sits	47.69	50.55	-0.65	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.48	98.90	-1.30	1.84
Capital	162.90	174.20	-2.40	1.52
Dollar	312.70	334.40*	-5.0	...
European	213.10	227.90	-3.50	...
Far East	321.80	344.10	-4.0	0.15
Financial	759.30	812.00*	-12	1.36
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.30	25.27*	-0.15	7.99
High Yield	98.64	105.40	-1.20	4.31
Income & Growth	133.90	143.20	-2.10	3.59
International	242.70	259.50	-3.0	..
Japanese General	212.40	227.10	-1.10	..
Japan Tech	88.48	94.63	-0.46	...
Nat Resources	77.39	82.77	-1.55	...
Portfolio	68.31	73.05	-0.67	1.51
Security	304.50	325.60	-4.50	1.80
Smaller Cos	120.60	128.90*	-0.60	1.09
Special Sits	141.30	151.10	-1.40	1.55
UK Emerging Cos	86.77	92.80	-0.20	0.54
US Smaller Cos	71.27	76.22	-0.60	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7QP Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505 Dealing: 071 955 5050				
UK Funds				
Capital	543.10	579.60*	-7.90	2.19
Income	524.60	559.90*	-8.20	4.36
Footsie Fund	49.72	52.60	-0.91	2.74
Trkdr Index	107.60	114.80	-0.80	1.90
UK Index	130.00	138.70	-2.20	3.13
International Funds				
American Growth	440.90	470.40	-11.20	0.64
American Index	181.10	193.00	-3.10	1.41
Balanced	...	...		
European Growth	106.20	112.90	-1.70	..
Eurotrack 100	144.60	153.80	-2.50	1.13
Global Bond	19.82	20.92	-0.10	7.35
Japan Growth	296.00	315.60*	-1.90	...
Japan Index	81.85	87.35	-0.49	0.09
Japan Smllr Cos	37.85	40.39	-0.45	..
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	56.65	60.46	-1.47	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	98.70	105.30	-2.30	0.79
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.53	83.81	-0.86	..
Tiger Index	208.20	222.20*	-2.70	0.22
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.40	29.47	-0.18	1.09
General Funds				
Managed	68.22	70.81	-1.28	2.51
Rupert Chld Fnd	78.38	81.35	-1.40	2.49
UK Growth	55.79	57.91	-0.93	2.37
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.35	50.35	+0.01	4.25
Cashbox (Acc)	58.48	58.48	+0.01	4.25
UK Extra Inc	79.88	82.91	-1.00	5.55
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.22	26.00*	-0.19	8.04
UK Inc & Gwth	37.59	39.01*	-0.60	4.11
UK Income	313.80	325.70*	-5.30	3.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	46.41	48.07*	-0.43	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	102.30	106.10	-0.60	...
(Accum Units)	103.40	107.30	-0.50	...
Europe Gth	144.10	149.20	-1.40	...
(Accum Units)	149.00	154.30	-1.40	...
Euro Smaller Cos	27.88	28.93*	-0.12	...
French Growth	73.09	75.86	-1.31	...
Accum Units	78.30	81.27	-1.40	...
H Kong & China	83.53	86.70	-1.17	1.66
Intl Growth	55.21	57.30*	-0.74	0.59
(Accum Units)	55.67	57.78*	-0.73	0.58
Japan Gth	35.81	37.17	-0.26	...
Accum Units	35.81	37.17	-0.26	...
Japan Smaller Cos	44.92	46.62*	-0.30	...
Glob Emg Mkts	113.50	117.80	-1.40	...
Accum Units	114.30	118.60	-1.40	...
SE Asia	332.40	345.00	-4.20	0.11
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.09	51.60	-0.30	5.14
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	124.80	132.70	-2.10	...
Income	140.04	148.98	-1.52	4.02
UK Growth	51.81	55.11	-0.39	0.98
International	81.81	87.02	-0.69	0.26
Ecology	75.98	80.82	-0.48	1.33
European	113.69	120.78	-1.19	..
Far Eastern	331.30	352.40	-4.70	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.66	50.70*	-0.81	7.57
Gilt Yield	110.60	116.70*	-1.00	7.11
Global Income	207.10	220.30	-5.68	4.13
High Yield	129.40	137.70	-2.13	6.40
Smllr Cos Div	50.87	54.12	-0.26	2.93
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	83.65	88.99	-1.17	...
North American	68.74	73.13	-1.02	0.27
European Special	91.09	96.89	-1.40	0.15
European	143.30	152.40	-2.10	0.39
General	254.10	270.30	-3.10	3.33
Japan	427.20	454.50	-4.60	...
Japanese Special	262.40	279.10	-3.00	..
Master Accum	228.90	243.50*	-3.00	1.86
Pacific	341.50	363.30*	-3.60	...
Smaller Cos	107.90	114.80	-0.60	0.56
UK Equity Growth	38.00	40.43	-0.43	1.67
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1685				
Global Inc & Gth	59.92	63.74	-0.63	...
Inv Trust	65.60	69.78	-0.46	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.47	59.01	-0.45	0.80
High Inc Acc	52.31	55.64	-0.50	3.60
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	572.10	583.80	-11.30	5.71
Intl & General	406.20	414.50	-11.90	...
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	245.25	260.90*	-3.87	5.73
Inc & Growth Inc	53.68	57.11	-0.90	4.61
Smaller Cos	54.49	57.66*	-0.25	1.42
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	233.20	248.10	-2.70	2.19
High Income	103.10	109.70	-1.10	4.40
International	97.25	103.50	-0.87	0.59
Recovery Trust	60.26	64.11*	-0.54	1.59
European Trust	78.45	83.46	-1.07	1.05
Japanese Trust	45.33	48.22	-0.21	..
American Trust	80.33	85.46*	-1.07	..
Managed	65.24	69.40	-0.43	0.55
Cash	50.85	50.85	..	4.28
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0946				
UK Cap	338.80	344.60	-6.80	2.64
UK Inc/Gth	364.40	370.20	-7.80	3.33
UK Income	252.30	261.60	-4.90	4.57
UK Sm Cos	230.80	239.70	-1.30	1.96
Euro Gwth	118.60	119.70	-0.40	...
N Amer Gwth	71.01	71.71*	-1.84	0.13
Japan Growth	69.08	69.77	-1.32	...
Money Mkt	120.83	120.83	...	2.260
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	442.60	470.90*	-5.60	2.67
Equity Income	92.56	99.83	-0.97	3.92
UK Tactical Allocn	52.38	55.62*	-1.17	2.84
European	107.90	114.80	-1.10	0.91
Far Eastern	241.90	257.30*	-1.60	...
Fixed Interest	48.31	51.39*	-0.30	7.10
Gilt	83.79	88.85*	-0.80	7.06
Global Growth	76.46	81.34	-0.56	0.11
Intl Bond	48.64	51.66	-0.24	5.19
Japanese	80.42	85.55	-0.21	...
North American	137.30	146.10	-1.10	0.72
Pacific Growth	117.60	125.10*	-1.30	...
UK Index	58.51	61.75*	-0.81	3.24
UK Recovery	86.66	92.21*	-0.82	1.84
UK Smaller Cos	118.40	126.00	-0.40	1.37
US Index	54.70	57.73	-0.39	1.56
European Index	68.77	72.58	-0.65	1.58
Japan Index	43.05	45.44	...	
Worldwide	82.08	87.32	-0.73	1.34
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.35	50.64	-0.77	1.85
Income	56.04	60.00	-0.75	2.89
Far East	55.73	59.60	-0.41	0.28
North American	82.19	87.90	-1.46	...
Global	89.55	95.78	-1.17	0.11
European	82.37	88.10	-0.64	0.33
Japan	113.00	120.80*	-0.60	..
Intl Currency Bd	34.23	37.54*	-0.30	4.00
SE Asia	110.20	117.80	-1.20	..
UK Cap Growth	87.63	93.77*	-0.97	1.30
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	325.60	346.40	+0.40	2.96
-do- Acc	730.40	777.10	+1.00	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	59.53	62.67	-0.46	0.70
-do- Acc	63.41	66.75	-0.49	0.70
Extra Inc	245.70	261.40	-2.70	4.18
-do- Acc	623.50	663.40	-6.80	4.18
German Gth	117.50	123.70*	-1.40	0.20
-do- Acc	123.30	129.80	-1.40	0.20
Growth Port	519.80	553.00	+3.70	0.15
-do- Acc	528.40	562.20	+3.70	0.15
Income	459.10	488.50*	-5.10	4.01
-do- Acc	£12.35	£13.14	-14.00	4.01
Income Port	488.50	520.20*	-3.40	4.49
-do- Acc	513.90	546.80	-4.00	4.49
Japan Growth	108.90	115.90	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	109.20	116.20	-1.00	...
Master Trust	55.33	58.87	-0.52	1.49
-do- Acc	61.76	65.71	-0.58	1.49
N American Gen	165.80	176.40	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	191.50	203.80	-2.40	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	128.00	136.20	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	130.70	139.10	-1.50	...
Pacific Basin	261.00	277.70	-2.50	0.60
-do- Acc	276.90	294.60	-2.60	0.60
Small Cos Rec	345.80	364.00	-0.40	2.08
-do- Acc	458.00	482.20	-0.40	2.08
UK Growth	80.99	86.16	-1.03	2.57
-do- Acc	97.29	103.50	-1.20	2.57
Worldwide Gth	305.50	325.00	-3.10	0.33
-do- Acc	450.60	479.40	-4.60	0.33
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	60.34	64.74	-0.97	0.10
General	82.40	88.41	-1.04	2.40
Income	62.86	67.44*	-0.57	5.40
International	62.16	66.69	-0.76	0.40
Japan	60.24	64.63	-0.44	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	66.70	71.56*	-0.62	1.60
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	369.60	390.90	-5.00	0.71
(Accum Units)	458.80	485.30	-6.20	0.71
Amer Recovery	416.50	440.40	-5.90	0.46
(Accum Units)	477.40	504.80	-6.80	0.46
Amer Smllr Cos	121.00	128.00	-0.90	...
(Accum Units)	123.60	130.80	-0.90	...
Australasian	160.40	169.60	-3.60	1.87
(Accum Units)	194.40	205.50	-4.40	1.87
Capital	791.50	837.30	-5.20	2.49
(Accum Units)	899.60	951.30	-5.90	2.49
Charifund	662.70	669.40	-8.30	5.71
(Accum Units)	£30.06	£30.36	-37.90	5.71
Commodity	402.30	425.40	-5.50	0.28
(Accum Units)	589.90	623.80	-8.10	0.28
Compound Grth	883.30	934.10*	-10.20	2.90
(Accum Units)	925.80	979.10	-10.70	2.90
Dividend	38.30	40.50	-0.60	4.48
(Accum Units)	157.30	166.40	-2.30	4.48
Equity Income	332.60	351.70	-3.70	5.00
(Accum Units)	423.30	447.60	-4.80	5.00
Euro & General	484.70	512.60	+0.40	1.07
(Accum Units)	611.90	647.10	+0.40	1.07
Euro Dividend	65.90	69.70	-0.30	3.80
(Accum Units)	78.50	83.20	-0.30	3.80
Extra Yield	391.00	413.50*	-5.20	4.91
(Accum Units)	£12.13	£12.83	-16.20	4.91
Far Eastern	363.10	384.00	-3.60	0.48
(Accum Units)	481.00	508.80	-4.60	0.48
Fund of Inv Tsts	601.90	636.50	-4.10	1.81
(Accum Units)	£11.16	£11.80	-7.70	1.81
General	57.40	60.70	-0.80	3.88
(Accum Units)	158.30	167.40	-2.30	3.88
Gilt Income	58.02	58.13	-0.36	8.30
(Accum Units)	156.38	156.68	-0.97	8.30
Gold	75.40	79.70	+0.30	0.50
(Accum Units)	89.00	94.10	+0.40	0.50
High Income	27.20	28.80	-0.30	4.76
(Accum Units)	107.30	113.50	-1.30	4.76
Intl Growth	75.70	80.10	-0.60	1.01
(Accum Units)	131.90	139.50	-1.10	1.01
International Inc	93.60	99.00*	-0.90	4.67
(Accum Units)	138.90	146.90	-1.40	4.67
Japan & Gen	50.10	53.00	-0.10	...
(Accum Units)	53.70	56.90	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	176.10	186.20*	-1.30	...
(Accum Units)	177.40	187.50	-1.30	...
Managed Income	26.30	27.60*	-0.22	4.09
Midland	60.40	63.90*	-0.40	3.09
(Accum Units)	201.80	213.70	-1.30	3.09
Pension Ex	891.30	913.50	-1.50	4.62
Recovery	39.90	42.20	-0.40	2.68
(Accum Units)	64.80	68.70	-0.60	2.68
Second General	68.40	72.30	-0.70	3.51
(Accum Units)	174.50	184.60	-1.60	3.51
Smaller Cos	66.10	69.90	-0.20	3.13
(Accum Units)	129.80	137.30	-0.40	3.13
Treasury	24.95	25.00*	...	5.12
Trustee	39.80	42.10*	-0.40	4.59
(Accum Units)	160.50	169.80	-1.60	4.59
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	75.54	80.36*	-1.43	0.67
Intl Bond	59.44	62.51	-0.94	6.29
Intl Equity Growth	67.37	71.65	-0.82	0.50
N Amer Growth	87.26	92.82*	-0.94	0.87
Special Sits Growth	20.51	21.81*	-0.16	1.76
UK Growth	349.70	372.00*	-4.50	2.79
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, East Lothian 0620 825 867				
Joint Investors	£12.72	£12.91	...	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.30	...	4.40
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 434				
Growth Units	184.30	197.10	-2.40	2.58
Gilt & Fxd Int	162.20	170.80	-0.90	7.01
Intl Growth	202.40	215.40	-2.10	0.19
North American	170.00	181.40	-1.90	0.39
Far East	274.00	293.10	-3.50	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	164.80	176.30	-0.70	1.88
European	77.91	81.87	-0.66	0.13
Japanese Growth	50.20	53.35	-0.24	...
High Income	175.50	187.70	-2.40	4.72
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 664				
M & S Inv Pfolio	142.40	151.40	-1.30	2.22
-do- Accum	162.20	172.50	-1.30	2.22
UK Sel Pfolio	122.30	130.10	-1.44	2.48
-do- Accum	140.70	149.60	-1.44	2.48
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	61.89	65.84*	...	4.12
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	68.51	72.73*	-0.85	4.65
European	76.99	81.73	+0.20	0.43
Income & Growth	69.92	74.23	-1.67	5.76
Nth American	56.07	59.52	-0.62	0.66
Far East	172.70	183.30	-3.60	...
Japan	59.32	62.97	-0.32	...
Emging Mkts	113.30	121.20	-1.90	...
Intl Growth	107.30	113.90*	-1.0	0.38
UK Growth	84.49	89.69	-0.69	0.82
UK Smlr Co	44.63	47.38	-0.19	0.50
Asian Opps Fd	40.47	43.28	-0.43	0.12
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	386.24	410.89*	-7.18	4.34
Global Inc	62.33	66.31*	-0.96	3.11
Brit Leaders	316.46	336.66*	-6.77	2.66
Intl Leaders	185.06	196.87*	-3.29	0.83
PAM Mp Bal Grth	62.77	65.22*	-0.02	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	186.00	197.80	-2.00	...
(Accum Units)	198.80	211.30	-2.10	...
British Blue Chip	74.59	79.34*	-1.02	3.13
(Accum Units)	91.98	97.84*	-1.28	3.13
Cash	100.10	100.10	-0.00	5.14
(Accum Units)*	136.20	136.20	...	5.14
Emerging Mkts	121.60	130.70	-1.60	0.19
European Growth	234.70	248.60	-2.20	0.29
(Accum Units)	253.30	268.00	-2.30	0.29
European Income	78.21	82.69	-0.17	3.62
(Accum Units)	104.20	110.10	-0.20	3.47
General	470.20	501.90*	-5.80	2.47
(Accum Units)	916.60	977.70	-11.20	2.47
Global Bond	113.40	121.20*	-0.40	6.75
(Accum Units)	138.40	145.90*	-0.50	6.75
Gold & General	241.20	259.90	-0.30	0.35
(Accum Units)	248.10	266.80	-0.30	0.35
Govt Securities	87.62	90.35	-0.49	6.27
(Accum Units)	166.50	171.50	-1.00	6.27
Income	143.60	152.20	-1.90	4.54
(Accum Units)	220.80	234.90	-3.10	4.54
Inc Portfolio	92.33	97.91	-0.84	5.31
(Accum Units)	92.33	97.91	-0.84	5.31
Intl Opps	446.30	475.30	-4.30	0.34
(Accum Units)	595.80	633.40	-5.80	0.34
Japan	196.10	208.00	-0.90	...
(Accum Units)	201.40	215.40	-1.10	...
New Europe	172.00	183.50	-1.20	0.26
(Accum Units)	175.90	187.60	-1.30	0.26
Pacific	127.10	135.60	-0.70	0.85
(Accum Units)	136.10	145.20	-0.70	0.85
Recovery	288.90	308.20	-1.60	0.84
(Accum Units)	366.70	393.30	-2.00	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	95.48	98.18	-0.09	0.91
(Accum Units)	62.72	66.90	-0.11	0.91
Portfolio	76.39	81.21*	-0.87	2.84
(Accum Units)	80.66	86.39*	-1.01	2.84
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	109.00	115.96	-1.44	0.93
Portfolio	64.47	68.59	-0.90	0.02
UK Income Inc	71.68	76.25*	-1.04	4.01
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Denton Hse, 192 Eyre St, Sheffield S1 3RD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.18	61.15*	-0.48	2.96
(Accum Units)	60.17	64.39*	-0.48	2.96
British Tst	77.78	83.19	-1.64	2.01
(Accum Units)	89.42	95.63	-1.89	2.01
Extra High Inc	64.51	68.99*	-0.80	6.20
(Accum Units)	122.90	131.40*	-1.20	6.20
FT-SE 100 Acc	50.08	53.13	-0.94	2.59
FT-SE 100 Dist	50.08	53.13	-0.94	2.59
Gilt & Fxd Int	51.96	54.07	-0.48	7.14
(Accum Units)	148.20	154.30	-1.30	7.14
High Yield	213.30	228.10	-2.40	5.76
(Accum Units)	521.00	557.20	-5.70	5.76
Income	272.50	291.40	-1.50	3.67
(Accum Units)	592.80	634.00	-3.30	3.67
Money Market UT	49.71	49.72	+0.01	3.85
(Accum Units)	76.65	76.67	+0.02	3.85
Monthly Income	80.29	85.87*	-0.98	6.25
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	93.10	99.04	-1.46	1.98
European Growth	103.00	109.20	-1.60	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	80.44	85.36	-0.74	6.50
Income	79.51	84.58	-1.19	3.02
Japan Growth	55.95	59.31	-0.28	..
Managed	65.12	69.28	-0.16	2.54
Money Market	85.52	90.62	+0.03	4.43
North American	82.04	86.96	-0.79	0.52
Midland ESAVCS Unit Trust				
British	84.57	89.97	-1.28	1.96
European Growth	96.58	102.80	-1.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.65	81.34	-0.71	6.46
Income	78.11	83.10	-1.17	3.09
Japan Growth	55.81	59.16	-0.36	..
Managed	62.30	66.28	-0.61	2.51
Money Market	79.07	83.83	+0.02	4.38
North American	74.85	79.34	-0.70	0.62
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	84.60	90.00	-1.30	1.95
European Growth	94.67	100.30	-1.50	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	70.43	74.75	-0.66	6.60
Income	77.28	82.21	-1.17	3.11
Japan Growth	57.13	60.56	-0.37	..
Managed	65.13	69.29	-0.64	2.50
Money Market	73.88	78.33	+0.02	4.44
North American	82.80	87.77	-0.79	0.48
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.69	13.49	...	..
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	304.30	323.60	-3.20	...
European Gth Inc	423.70	452.90	-4.10	0.28
Intl Gwth	189.80	207.30	-2.40	...
UK Equity Inc	170.50	182.10*	-1.90	3.23
UK Ind Trckr Inc	149.40	160.00	-2.00	2.80
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	180.20	190.90	-2.50	1.50
Japan Tracker	78.47	83.12	-0.38	...
Asian Trader	209.00	226.20*	-3.30	0.27
Managed Inc	149.70	160.10	-1.10	1.49
Deposit Inc	99.93	99.97*	+0.01	5.07
Europa	174.50	187.50	+0.20	0.26
Genesis	150.50	164.80	-0.60	2.29
High Income	21.15	22.46*	-0.24	...
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.14	92.21*	-0.80	2.24
Acumen Inc	85.31	87.27*	-0.76	2.24
Acumen Reserve	79.93	80.73*	-0.16	8.25
-do- Inc	69.75	70.45*	-0.13	8.25
Americas Growth	158.30	163.00	-1.90	0.92
Cash Income	49.88	49.88	...	4.72
Equity Income	89.77	92.23*	-1.18	4.61
European	67.57	69.60*	-0.50	..
Smaller Cos	75.68	79.10	-0.21	1.17
Olympiad	66.76	68.34	-0.61	..
Global Bond	41.48	41.85	-0.10	6.57
UK Growth	86.86	89.35	-1.17	1.73
Pacific Growth	113.70	117.60	-1.30	..
Japan Growth	99.43	101.00	-0.10	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	114.71	122.03	-1.82	2.95
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
UK Growth	70.01	74.48	-1.16	2.15
UK Income	103.00	109.60	-1.60	3.99
Gilt & Fixed Int	65.65	69.48	-0.33	6.61
Higher Income	208.10	221.40	-2.90	4.98
Smaller Cos	79.19	84.25*	-0.30	1.96
International	91.92	97.29*	-1.37	1.93
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
America Dist	96.74	103.47	-1.22	...
European Dist	103.10	110.30	-2.20	...
Far East Dist	187.70	200.70	-2.20	...
Global Care Dist	64.53	69.02	-0.33	1.62
Oseas Dist	990.40	£10.59*	-15.60	...
UK Dist	323.70	346.30	-5.20	2.75
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.64	78.76	-0.62	4.35
Wwide Dist	102.10	109.10*	-1.40	..
Wwide Inc Dist	67.29	71.97*	-0.94	2.54
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.62	63.08	-0.74	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	56.29	59.41	-0.59	0.88
North America Inc	45.68	48.21	-0.60	0.54
UK Equity Grth Inc	55.78	58.87	-0.70	2.12
UK General Inc	53.83	56.81*	-0.72	2.64
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	44.93	47.30*	-0.20	7.42
UK Income Inc	54.42	57.44	-0.72	3.13
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	217.63	231.59*	-2.30	3.52
Global	333.70	355.01*	-1.63	0.71
General	180.74	192.28	-1.43	1.78
Bond	109.76	116.53	-0.54	6.16
Growth	117.20	124.69*	-1.46	2.46
Intrepid	116.23	121.08	-0.66	1.82
Bridge Fund	84.15	89.53	...	..
Distributor	86.89	92.02*	-1.09	3.24
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	116.53	123.96*	-1.29	1.44
UK Equity	129.33	137.58	-2.12	3.18
UK Equity Income	124.61	132.56	-1.82	3.35
UK Smaller Cos	113.77	121.03	-0.40	1.64
UK Equity Growth	120.56	128.26*	-1.89	2.32
UK Index Trckg	132.24	140.66	-0.14	3.53
Intl Index Trckg	136.77	145.50*	-1.77	1.09
International	223.64	237.91*	-2.71	0.34
European	184.32	196.08	-2.46	0.21
Pan European	124.00	131.91	-1.88	1.35
Nth American	152.24	161.96	-2.00	0.44
N Amer Smlr Cos	168.02	178.74	-2.22	...
Japanese	98.95	105.27	-0.51	..
Pacific	239.47	254.75	-2.93	..
South East Asian	264.68	281.57*	-3.37	0.24
Intl Bond	121.27	128.92	-1.34	4.41
Gilt & Convertible	100.00	106.30	-0.96	5.76
Property	84.94	90.36	-0.33	4.92
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	228.30	242.70	-3.00	2.61
Growth	146.70	154.30	-1.80	2.71
Income	223.20	237.40*	-2.70	3.88
Intl Equity	238.60	253.80*	-2.20	0.88
UK Income	62.43	66.41	-0.37	3.50
UK Intl 25	74.93	79.71	-0.90	2.05
New Europe	74.63	79.18	-0.40	0.34
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth	584.20	624.91	...	0.35
Income	316.27	338.26*	...	3.51
Wwide Recovery	371.50	397.33	...	0.14
Amer Growth Inc	203.16	217.22	...	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	239.91	256.59	...	0.01
Far Esn Grth Inc	290.11	310.28	...	0.01
Euro Growth Inc	133.08	142.34	...	0.60
UK Growth Inc	82.33	88.06	...	2.82
High Income	88.39	94.54	...	4.34
Jap Gwth Inc	235.45	250.92	...	0.01
PEP Growth	113.88	121.80	...	0.69
Asian Str Mkts Inc	129.19	138.15	...	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	123.09	131.65	...	0.01
Global Bond	51.73	54.50*	...	6.36
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.98	82.34	...	1.16
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 261 2622				
American	97.11	103.31	-0.15	...
European	68.66	73.04	-0.34	...
Global	65.96	70.17	-0.22	...
Pacific	65.21	69.37	-0.35	...
UK Inc & Grth	62.56	66.54	-0.01	2.06
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	96.60	102.08	-0.22	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	154.96	163.12	...	0.65
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	56.02	59.36	-0.72	2.96
Growth Income	59.69	63.27	-0.51	2.15
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 708				
Principal Tst	124.30	132.24	-1.09	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	85.79	91.26	-1.09	3.76
Conv & Gilt	110.20	117.20	-0.80	6.23
European Income	68.02	72.37	-0.89	3.00
Extra Income	144.00	153.20*	-1.70	3.99
Far East	412.80	439.10	-5.10	0.25
Global Income	24.42	25.98	-0.38	4.73
High Income	109.70	116.70*	-1.30	3.67
International	205.20	218.30*	-0.40	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	40.03	42.59*	-0.08	7.84
Recovery	69.17	73.58	-0.85	2.51
Special Sits	101.00	108.50	-0.70	1.39
Technology	319.30	339.90	-3.40	...
UK Blue Chip	64.85	68.99	-1.04	3.00
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	49.88	53.06	-0.78	2.25
International	85.85	91.30	-1.10	0.39
Gilt	30.00	34.74	-0.26	6.82
Income & Gwth	66.95	71.12	-1.32	4.82
European	48.56	51.65	-0.70	0.45
American	49.25	52.39	-0.64	...
Emerging Mkts	86.83	92.37	-1.54	0.04
UK Smaller Cos	29.04	30.89*	-0.10	2.27
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.41	25.97*	-0.16	7.61
Global PEP	36.87	39.22*	-0.60	1.25
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	254.90	274.50	-3.60	0.81
Japan Inc	111.90	119.80*	-0.50	...
Nth American Inc	102.40	110.40	-1.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	160.30	172.90*	-1.30	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	136.40	146.60	-2.40	1.00
Swiss Equities Inc	63.22	67.55	-0.20	...
Wwide Bond Inc	58.19	61.30*	-0.09	5.53
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.42	50.42	...	4.93
Thailand Inc	170.40	183.80	-3.00	0.20
Gold Trust Inc	85.76	92.50	-1.36	0.21
New Zealand Inc	80.88	87.09*	-0.50	1.58
Int Mngd PEP Inc	61.70	66.44	-0.85	0.67
Latin Am Crisp Inc	89.13	96.22	-1.67	0.08
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	95.20	98.23	-0.76	2.61
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	79.24	84.75	-0.36	1.50
Global Portfolio	71.68	76.66	-0.14	...
Global Opps	73.63	78.75	-0.38	0.62
Marsh Global Grth	64.09	70.08	-0.52	1.57
AAM Global Equity	52.09	55.76	-0.16	0.26
CAM Intl Gwth Inc	82.59	88.04	-0.90	0.00
CAM Intl Recvy Inc	45.27	47.53	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	42.53	46.46	-0.59	3.12
Hartley Growth	71.55	75.65	-0.40	0.28
Intl Growth Inc	84.69	90.58*	-0.34	0.23
IFS Portfolio Inc	85.81	91.78	-0.36	0.22
St Jmrs Min Inc Inc	45.20	46.92	-0.08	2.74
Premier Portfus Inc	67.64	72.34	-0.19	0.50
Roxburgh Strat Gth	73.46	78.57	-0.28	0.34
Tech Analysis	96.67	102.80*	-1.20	0.20
Rosebery Growth	52.82	57.79	...	..
International Strat	78.20	83.70	-0.18	...
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	53.69	58.39	-0.07	...
Coverdale Topotz	51.14	55.29	-0.19	...
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	..
Lowes Intl Growth	44.44	46.78	-0.42	1.25
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 9963				
Equity Gth	160.90	171.20	-1.10	1.69
European Gth	94.70	100.30	+0.10	0.19
Income & Gth	125.90	133.90	-1.10	3.09
Japan Gth	125.10	132.50	-0.80	..
Nth Amer Gth	107.80	114.60	-1.20	0.19
Overseas Gth	87.10	92.65	-0.46	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dlg: 071 911 4314 Priceline: 0426 979 090				
Managed Tst	35.09	37.52	-0.39	1.89
Cash Haven Inc	101.46	101.56	+0.03	4.46
Cash Haven Acc	110.22	110.77	+0.03	4.46
Dist Trust Inc	91.20	97.50	-0.60	4.55
Dist Trust Acc	93.22	99.69	-0.61	4.55
Global Growth	84.11	89.95	-1.06	1.24
Equity Inc	77.57	82.96	-0.38	3.70
Equity	680.60	727.91	-9.60	2.32
European	198.32	212.12	-2.49	0.74
High Income	84.63	90.29	-0.25	5.89
Intl Grth	171.19	183.09	-2.31	1.39
Intl Sm Co	74.21	79.47	-0.67	0.51
Japanese	226.87	242.64	-0.86	...
Nth Amer	148.44	158.57	-2.43	1.18
Pacific Mkts	102.70	109.83	-1.67	0.32
Premier Inc	45.78	47.69	-0.22	5.44
Sm Cos	82.66	86.40	-2.42	1.39
Spec Sits	103.30	110.48	-1.38	2.17
UK Growth	113.76	121.66	-2.55	2.27
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	283.20	308.40*	-4.10	3.48
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NQ 091 285 2505				
Managed	93.77	99.49	...	3.15
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	472.37	503.19	-3.76	0.40
FA America (Acc)	552.25	588.20	-4.40	0.40
FA UK Equity Inc	150.01	160.11	-1.90	3.50
FA Japan	271.32	288.82	-0.88	...
FA Major UK Cos	89.66	95.66	-1.22	2.30
FA Smllr UK Cos	274.08	303.37*	-1.79	1.18
FA European	307.30	326.50	-1.68	0.43
FA Amer Smllr Cos	40.92	44.05	-0.57	...
FA Asia	50.67	56.36	-0.69	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	93.12	99.04	-0.51	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	89.38	94.50	-1.22	...
UK Smllr Cos	79.94	84.14	-0.49	...
UK Income	88.20	92.93	-1.10	...
America	94.96	99.84	-0.75	..
Japanese	59.62	62.75	-0.20	...
European	98.29	103.46	-0.58	...
Gilt	83.18	87.55	-0.38	...
Deposit	83.92	88.45	+0.01	...
Managed	93.75	98.68	-0.89	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	92.48	98.08	-1.19	...
UK Smaller Cos	78.15	82.26	-0.48	...
UK Income	86.18	90.71	-1.07	...
America	92.39	97.24	-0.73	...
Japanese	58.09	61.14	-0.19	...
European	95.78	100.81	-0.51	...
Gilt	82.36	86.69	-0.42	...
Deposit	78.21	82.32	...	...
Managed	88.60	93.26	-0.73	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UB Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 060				
United States	70.12	74.85	-1.28	0.25
Pacific Basin	82.16	88.29*	-0.87	...
High Inc Dist	121.60	130.00*	-1.50	5.13
Ryl Life Int Cncy	56.86	59.65	-0.41	4.40
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.19	69.30	-0.76	0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.46	66.40	-0.69	...
UK Emerging Cos	123.10	133.00	-0.30	1.26
UK Index Trckg	158.40	168.80	-1.70	3.30
European	122.30	131.30*	-0.70	0.29
Managed	140.80	150.60	-1.20	0.85
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	135.30	143.20	-0.90	0.30
European Growth	106.30	112.40	+0.30	0.79
Far East Growth	137.70	146.50	+0.30	0.11
Japan Growth	139.20	148.00*	-1.30	...
Special Sits	186.10	197.90*	-0.30	1.50
UK Growth	72.69	77.32	-0.20	2.44
Trison General	229.80	244.50*	-0.30	0.62
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	176.50	186.80	-2.00	0.04
Gr Euro Prog Inc	336.40	356.60	-2.60	0.44
Growth Inc	128.00	135.40	-0.70	0.58
International Inc	332.50	351.90	-1.90	0.36
Nth Am & Intl Inc	303.60	321.30	-2.30	0.01
UK Gen Prog Inc	212.20	224.60	-3.10	1.37
UK High Inc Inc	127.20	134.60	-1.30	3.84
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	59.79	63.60	-0.85	...
Amer Smllr Cos	74.20	78.93	-1.09	...
Asian Gwth	114.25	121.44	-1.59	0.75
European Gwth	65.20	69.36	-0.94	1.00
Global Bd	56.74	59.99	-0.25	5.00
Global Eq	62.83	66.94	-0.61	0.50
Japanese Eq	57.45	61.11	-0.36	...
Japan Sm Cos	67.48	71.79	-0.30	...
UK Gen	51.51	54.79	-0.68	2.80
UK Gwth	55.62	59.16	-0.57	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	62.45	66.44*	-0.69	4.59
Amer Smllr Cos	103.40	110.00	-1.20	...
Asian Smaller Cos	49.02	52.15	-0.07	..
Capital Portfolio	122.00	129.80	-1.80	2.22
Capital	156.40	166.40	-1.60	0.65
Cash	124.80	124.80*	...	4.84
China Dragon	61.31	65.22	-0.88	0.38
Commodity	138.60	147.40	-1.90	0.20
Eastern Discovery	107.98	114.80	-0.80	...
Energy Inds	123.50	131.40	-0.90	0.62
European Gwth	180.40	191.90	+0.50	..
Euro Inc & Gwth	73.38	78.06	+0.01	2.06
Euro Smllr Cos	51.44	54.72	...	
Financial Secs	197.20	209.80	-2.30	0.59
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	46.96	49.95*	-0.13	9.08
Gold & Exploration	89.38	95.08	-1.22	0.32
High Return	216.00	229.80	-2.60	4.42
High Yield	215.30	228.90*	-2.10	4.09
Income	113.40	120.60	-0.90	4.55
Intl Bond	153.70	162.40*	-0.50	6.05
ITIU	201.50	214.50*	-2.30	1.09
Japan Growth	183.70	195.40*	-1.30	...
Japan Smaller	210.00	223.40	-0.80	...
Korea	77.44	82.39	+0.58	..
Mastertrust	54.57	58.48	-0.38	0.30
Scotbits	289.00	306.40	-2.50	1.00
Scotshares	273.10	290.50	-3.80	2.94
Scotyields	227.70	242.20	-3.0	3.90
Select Intl	139.40	148.30*	-1.40	0.48
Smaller Cos Inc	241.20	256.60*	-1.20	3.34
SE Asia	604.83	642.80	-4.20	...
Special Situation	116.20	123.60	-1.60	1.57
UK Equity	230.70	245.40	-2.90	3.05
UK Growth	59.95	63.78	-0.81	1.46
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	45.02	48.96	-0.12	0.72
US Growth	135.00	143.60	-1.10	0.48
Univ Growth	137.80	146.60	-1.0	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3900				
Retail Funds				
American	229.08	243.76	-3.99	0.08
European Gwth	69.96	74.49	-1.08	1.00
Euro Smllr Cos	73.48	78.37	-0.86	0.23
Far Eastern Gth	101.32	108.07	-0.94	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.42	51.09*	-0.56	7.35
Global Bond	46.66	48.22	-0.37	6.57
Global Emer Mkts	57.89	61.74*	-0.88	...
Income	330.79	352.84	-5.54	3.89
Japan Smllr Cos	516.97	551.45	-6.71	...
Japan Enterprise	72.23	77.04*	-0.71	...
Pacific Gwth	135.61	144.85	-1.85	...
Seoul	54.98	59.30	-0.06	...
Smaller Cos	202.65	216.15	-1.11	1.08
Tokyo	126.41	134.83*	-1.00	...
UK Enterprise	236.75	252.53	-4.28	3.02
UK Equity	225.22	240.23	-3.87	2.76
US Smllr Cos	146.82	156.60	-1.28	..
World Fd	86.77	91.88	-1.08	1.85
Institutional Funds				
European	221.78	230.37	-3.15	1.35
Euro Smllr Cos	28.55	29.73	-0.17	1.66
Global Equity Inc	75.18	78.31*	-0.79	0.86
Japan Smllr Cos	41.03	42.70	-0.18	...
Mngd Balanced	178.86	186.31	-2.25	2.94
Overseas Equity	185.12	192.84	-1.80	0.75
Oseas Smllr Cos	122.48	128.62	-0.80	0.46
Pacific	236.37	268.80*	-3.38	0.08
Recovery	£17.81	£18.55	-23.99	2.92
UK Index	146.54	153.06	-1.89	3.39
UK Small Cos	110.40	115.08	-0.52	2.71
US Smllr Cos	41.79	43.52	-0.55	0.40
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2290				
Equity Income	47.21	50.28	+0.03	4.36
Equity Trust	58.01	61.78	+0.03	2.25
Equity Strategy	66.28	70.59	-0.05	1.70
European Opps	82.78	88.16	+0.18	0.75
UK Smaller Cos	60.26	64.28	-0.05	1.42
Maximum Inc	96.67	101.21	-0.01	5.20
Japanese	81.56	86.86	...	...
Asia Pacific	127.50	135.77	-1.20	0.01
American	92.34	98.34	-1.33	0.62
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	50.36	50.50	...	4.24
UK General Inc	85.51	91.34	-0.70	2.84
Intl Income	273.00	290.70*	-2.40	1.01
European	79.03	80.56	-0.25	1.47
Japan	70.78	74.97	-0.52	0.06
American	60.92	64.04	-0.89	1.92
Far East	91.98	98.03	-1.10	0.26
Ethical Inc	30.05	31.65	-0.14	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.09	33.39	-0.45	2.06
High Inc Inc	34.23	36.51	-0.40	3.46
UK Global Inc	39.86	42.35	-0.58	1.57
Wwide Tech	73.32	78.10*	-0.62	1.25
Europe 2000 Inc	51.26	54.43	-0.05	1.51
Technology	104.34	108.03*	-0.75	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	360.30	383.30	-3.90	3.00
American	339.00	354.80	-3.70	0.46
Pacific	392.00	420.30	-4.80	0.49
European	511.60	547.30	-6.60	1.27
Worldwide	85.77	91.49	-1.14	0.75
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6000				
UK Equity Inc	260.00	276.40	-4.20	2.22
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	188.30	200.40	-0.20	1.62
Select Opprtny Inc	63.22	67.62*	-0.72	2.17
Income Plus Inc	67.29	71.59*	-1.27	4.01
European Inc	328.40	349.40*	-3.10	1.15
Far Eastern Inc	178.60	187.90*	-2.40	0.78
Japanese Inc	64.11	68.21*	-0.34	..
Nth American Inc	225.40	239.80*	-3.00	0.04
Intl Growth Inc	197.40	210.10	-1.90	0.77
Wwide Venture Inc	77.25	82.10*	-0.73	0.74
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Equity Inc	341.40	364.10	-3.60	2.65
UK High Inc	172.90	184.40	-0.50	3.60
Europe Inc	351.20	374.60	+2.10	0.41
Nth Amer Inc	205.40	219.00	-1.30	0.24
Global Inc	198.10	211.20	-0.70	0.30
UK Spec Sits Inc	92.81	98.96	-0.10	2.90
South East Asia	236.30	252.00	-3.30	0.56
Cash Trust Inc	101.40	101.40	+0.10	4.83
UK Smllr Cos Inc	180.40	192.30	+0.10	1.90
Intl Bond Inc	85.85	91.15	-0.20	6.34
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 264 080				
Super Recovery	140.70	147.20	+0.20	4.51
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 264 606				
European	117.10	123.20	-0.80	1.03
Nth American	93.41	98.33	-1.06	0.49
Intl Bond & Curr	120.60	126.90	-0.20	5.11
Trusted Pension Et	182.20	195.90	...	2.23
Smaller Cos	69.48	73.14	-0.17	1.42
UK General	121.60	128.00	-1.70	2.18
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Funds	90.47	...	-0.72	0.0
Aspect	108.30	...	-3.40	0.0
European	117.30	...	-2.10	0.0
Global Bond	93.04	...	-0.47	7.86
Japanese	92.02	...	-1.30	0.0
UK Growth	99.94	...	-1.26	2.73
Tall Funs	104.70	...	-0.80	0.0
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	274.40	290.80	...	0.12
Canadian	70.41	74.93	+0.07	0.36
Capital	123.10	130.80	...	1.21
Cash	100.38	100.38*	+0.00	5.17
European	129.40	136.90	+0.10	0.77
Far Eastern	171.70	181.60	-1.10	...
Growth	130.70	138.30	-0.20	1.03
Income	124.80	132.00	+0.10	4.82
Magnum	130.00	138.38	+2.29	1.19
Smllr Secs	365.10	386.50*	+0.40	0.82
Thoroughbred	151.10	162.10*	+0.10	1.08
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.35	50.84	...	4.50
Capital Reliance	54.05	57.65	-0.48	7.90
Ethical	53.07	56.45*	-0.40	3.07
European Growth	69.10	73.70	-1.33	2.70
Income	53.08	56.61	-0.71	6.00
Intl Growth	96.13	100.48	-1.66	2.20
Managed	78.18	83.39	-1.26	3.70
UK Growth	58.47	62.36	-0.78	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS PO Box 32, 1 Tanfield Edinburgh EH3 5RG 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.37	39.58	-0.10	1.64
Global Advtg Acc	39.81	42.20	-0.10	1.64
Income Advtg Inc	30.16	31.97*	...	3.90
Income Advtg Acc	32.96	34.94	...	3.90
UK Sm Co Gth Acc	42.71	44.48	-0.10	1.43
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.85	51.39	...	1.51
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.68	36.85*	-0.20	4.14
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.84	46.63	-0.20	4.14
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.67	62.82	...	2.33
UK Equity Gen Inc	46.17	48.51*	...	2.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.38	30.88*	-0.10	6.79
Cmns Lrg Co Acc	302.30	328.10	-1.47	1.58
Nth American Acc	41.47	44.07	-0.50	0.80
Far East Acc	70.38	74.78	+0.10	0.01
European Acc	50.06	53.19	+0.10	0.75
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7800				
Global A (US$)	3.845	4.080	...	0.52
US Eqts (US$)	2.428	2.574	...	0.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	245.00	260.24	...	..
Japan Eqties (yen)	268.00	284.60	...	..
FT Europe	120.70	128.30*	...	1.56
FTN Amer (US$)	1.774	1.880	...	0.95
FT Japan (yen)	236.80	251.60	...	
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.613	2.770*	...	0.76
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	338.00	361.50	-3.50	..
British	963.50	£10.19	-8.00	4.25
Emerging Mkts	164.10	174.80	-1.80	..
European	515.70	552.50*	...	0.95
Japan	157.90	166.60	-1.60	...
New Pacific	394.40	421.70	-3.50	0.71
Investment Tst	221.90	235.20*	-2.50	1.35
Mngd Equity	166.30	175.90	-1.70	1.44
Mngd Cash	95.70	95.70*	+0.01	4.75
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	775.00	828.90	-11.00	3.48
North America	116.00	124.10	-1.80	0.40
Far East	153.20	161.90	-1.10	...
Wwide Bond	52.81	56.06*	-0.26	5.21
European	97.99	104.80*	-1.00	0.42
Equity Income	86.54	92.39	-1.26	5.29
Portfolio	81.67	87.35	-1.07	1.54
UK Leading Cos	56.48	60.09	-0.98	3.08
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	67.62	72.32	-0.23	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	32.25	34.50	-0.47	0.55
Managed Assets	122.71	131.25	-1.48	2.50
UK Income	38.66	41.35	-0.50	3.10
UK Growth	37.02	39.60*	-0.54	2.28
Worldwide Growth	34.53	36.94	-0.39	0.51
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	49.53	52.69	-0.06	...
Cap Protector Inc	41.19	44.05*	-0.38	2.60
UK Income Inc	48.76	52.15	-0.77	3.29
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.50	33.69*	-0.34	3.76
Mngd High Yld Inc	76.39	81.70	-0.92	4.30
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	71.45	76.42	-1.07	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	33.71	36.05*	-0.26	1.71
Pacific Grth Port	47.67	50.98	-0.61	0.20
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	192.80	205.11	-2.97	...
Brit Growth	90.34	96.11*	-2.30	2.06
European	105.30	112.02	-1.02	0.02
Extra Income	186.59	198.50	-2.79	4.28
Smaller Cos	68.65	73.04*	-0.28	1.31
General	266.11	283.10	-4.79	2.40
Premier Income	47.48	49.47*	-0.31	6.42
Income	325.93	346.80	-4.18	3.89
Pacific	441.06	469.21	-4.29	...
International	528.20	561.91*	-6.44	0.01
Nat Resources	170.81	181.71*	-3.08	..
Spcl Opps	100.42	106.83*	-1.20	1.33
Environmental Inv	59.84	63.66	-0.76	2.31
Selector	60.72	64.59*	-0.73	2.18
High Income	61.87	65.82	-1.28	4.75
Intl Income	55.04	58.55*	-0.43	5.39
Selector Income	58.25	61.97*	-0.67	5.09
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	308.80	328.00	-4.70	2.76
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	196.50	210.26	-3.41	1.44
Glob Balncd Inc	166.34	177.91*	-2.46	2.92
Value Tst Inc	115.43	123.45	-2.27	1.43
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SB 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	28.74	30.69*	-0.18	6.37
European Growth	256.30	272.02	-4.61	0.94
Exempt	498.50	522.01*	-7.89	3.67
Global Em Mkts	108.18	115.39*	-2.01	0.60
Japan Tst	84.42	90.38	-0.62	...
Little Dragons	92.60	98.77	-1.36	...
Nth Amer Gwth	208.47	222.38	-2.59	0.71
Oriental Income	46.23	49.31*	-0.66	5.02
Preference	112.34	120.14*	-0.03	9.08
Tiger	283.83	302.01	-4.47	...
UK Blue Chip	59.18	63.09	-1.09	3.13
UK Growth	480.32	513.71*	-7.86	2.31
UK High Yield	98.10	104.91*	-1.78	3.65
UK Mid-Cap	244.37	261.35*	-2.89	2.06
UK Smllr Cos	99.55	106.48	-0.27	1.30
UK Smlr Cos Div	95.42	102.04	-0.31	4.70
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 356				
UK Equity Income	93.40	99.04	-1.17	3.06
UK Equity Growth	83.39	88.07*	-0.95	2.58
European	64.42	68.40*	-1.21	1.14
Nth American	64.31	68.41	-0.86	1.26
Far Eastern	72.00	76.60	-0.59	0.56
Money	64.59	65.59	+0.01	3.87
Fixed Interest	68.70	73.09	-0.44	6.66
Index Linked Gilt	62.90	67.08	-0.13	1.49
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	30.21	32.13	-0.18	..
Pacific Basin	44.72	47.57	-0.35	...
Can Balncd Gwth	23.14	24.61	-0.36	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.87	0.91	+0.00	6.04
Penny Share	31.93	33.96	-0.08	0.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 0462				
Challenger	90.43	92.02	-0.85	...
Short Dtd Gilt	107.90	109.30	-0.50	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	...	0.84
Gilt Income	28.34	30.31*	-0.17	7.30
Gilt Growth	67.21	69.95	-0.70	..
City Reserve	53.08	53.08	...	4.70
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 [illegible], Bexley DA6 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	75.22	80.01	-0.59	3.00

Source: Finstat

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
529	380½	Abbey Ntl	403	-8		4.8	13.5
314	233	Allied Irish	241	-3		5.2	9.3
278½	172	Aus New Z	172			5.2	27.3
3300	2587½	Bankamerica	2587½	-50			
319	246	Bk of Ireland	273	-2		4.8	7.0
347	172½	Bank Scotland	186 †	-4		3.4	11.0
640	487	Barclays	567	-5		3.7	12.1
37	13½	Carlisle	24	-½		1.3	
680½	449	Cater Allen	468	-7		7.5	9.7
179½	126½	Cattles	127 ↓	-2½		5.2	14.2
2638½	1543½	Chase Manh	2531½				
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2725	-49½			
265½	203	Close Bros	236 †			4.8	∞
£180½	£121½	Commerzbk	£125	-27½		6.5	
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£281½	-83½		2.3	
90	60	First Nat Fin	65			2.9	
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1354½	-4		0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	437	-10	22.0	6.3	12.6
1113	660	HSBC	685 †	-11		4.4	10.1
1133	680	HSBC HK	698 †	-12		4.4	10.1
473	215	Hambros	215	-2		8.7	8.8
443	400	Joseph (L)	418			8.2	12.2
170	106	King Shaxson	115			8.8	11.4
698	434	Kleinwort Ben	467	+1		5.2	8.2
660	519	Lloyds	539	-3		5.3	10.6
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	115			3.9	17.5
620½	422	Nat Aust Bk	476	-4		5.6	10.5
622	462	Nat West	486	-1		5.0	9.0
573	415	Provident	310 †	-3		4.3	16.5
79	53	Rea Bros	61			1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	420	-1		3.6	19.0
1574	1050	Schroders	1240	-13		1.7	12.3
369½	223	Stand Chart	270 †			2.9	9.6
391	197	TSB	218½	-6		4.6	11.0
199	101	Union	101	-1		5.6	9.3
1012	569	Warburg SG	614	-17		4.5	7.4
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	8837½	-137½		3.1	
260	194	Westpac	198½	-1½		2.8	∞
390	225	Wintrust	225			5.7	15.0

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	575	+1		4.8	14.0
619	485	Bass	534	+4		4.8	14.0
299	250	Boddington	253	-4		4.1	13.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	398	-18		3.4	22.9
196	168	Burtonwood Brw	187			3.3	15.6
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	166			2.7	23.0
66	49½	Fosters Brewing	56			4.8	∞
493	380	Fullr Sm 'A'	380			2.6	15.7
508	375	Grand Met	399	-2		4.2	17.3
511	399	Greenalls Grp	410	-2		3.8	15.7
584	482	Greene King	528	-3		3.1	14.2
542	428	Guinness	455 †	-6		3.6	15.0
265	239	Hardy Hanson	260	-4		4.3	13.3
170	135	Heavitree	150			3.4	13.5
487	383	Highland Distl	410	-5		2.3	18.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3600 †	-50		1.7	19.8
223	122	Macallan-Glen	215 †	-3		0.7	58.3
695	365	Marstn Mrtn 'A'	685			1.8	28.2
246	195	Mansfield	227	-6		2.4	13.0
314	258	Marston Thmp	308			2.4	18.0
646	544	Matthew Clark	575	-8		4.1	12.8
250	113	Mrydwn W	114			2.7	
545	483	Morland	510	-5		2.5	17.1
10½	6½	Pearmount	7¼	-½		3.3	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	287 †	+2		2.5	∞
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1440½			1.9	23.5
591	477	Scot & New	518	-3		4.1	15.4
190	142	Taunton Cider	183	-4		5.4	11.7
306	229	Vaux Group	234	-3		5.1	15.1
421	336½	Wetherspoon JD	402	-7		2.1	∞
617	494	Whitbread	548	-4		4.3	15.9
589	483	Wolvrhmptn D	512	-12		3.2	14.4
180	148	Yates Bros	168			2.2	20.7
535	483	Young 'A'	498			3.8	19.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	145	-5		4.5	10.6
27	12	Albrighton	16			3.9	15.3
200	148	Allen	169			3.9	20.0
164	99	Amec	100 †	-1		3.8	57.7
462	333	Ashtead	462			1.5	29.2
165	107	Atwoods	114	-1		5.5	
363	224	BPB Ind	309	-3		3.3	20.9
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	128			3.1	24.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35			2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	37			5.9	4.4
60	36½	Bardon	36½	-1		6.8	
292	161	Barratt Devs	168 †	-3		4.5	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	135 †	-1		5.0	10.6
304	179	Bellway	191	-1		4.1	18.0
50	40	Bellwinch	40				35.2
244	125	Berisford Intl	188	-4			
573	372	Berkeley Gp	372	-3		2.4	15.5
215	118	Bett Bros	174			2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	66 †			1.7	
391	262	Blue Circle	279 †	-4		5.0	19.8
355	249	Boot (Henry)	249 †			3.3	12.2
84	39	Brandon Hire	71			2.6	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	80 †			6.4	25.8
154	130	Br Dredging	135	-2		5.3	15.0
99	78	Brit Fittings	90 †			3.1	
197½	120	Bryant	122 †	-1		5.1	13.2
145½	111½	CALA	118 †			3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	346	-4		2.8	17.6
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43				
42	20½	Costain	22½	-½			
185	123	Countryside	126	-1		4.1	28.0
120	82	Crest Nicholson	84	-1		2.4	15.6
140	100	Cussins	108 †			3.0	11.0
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21 †			1.8	
350	273	Epwin	314	-1		3.1	18.6
82	57	Erith	65 †			2.7	36.6
473	328	Eve Group	328			4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	28 †			4.5	
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	90			3.8	
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)	840			2.1	∞
218	161	Graham Grp	161 †	-3		3.6	15.4
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	150 †	-2		2.5	17.2
82	46	Hewetson	76			2.1	
473	286	Heywd Wlm	287 †	-1		5.9	16.2
144	86	Higgs & Hill	93 †	-1		3.4	
41	37	Hmr Gp	38 †			2.5	
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26			4.2	22.4
100	67	Ibstock	76 †	-1		1.6	
25	6	Jarvis	9½				
138	104	Keller	110 †			4.3	12.8
428	204	Laing (J)	227 †	-1		4.2	21.4
164	40½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	97½	-½		8.2	
145	113	Lon Clydeside	125			4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	74				
405	302	Manders	310 †	-1		4.0	15.0
213½	130	Marley	133 †	-2		3.9	15.8
155	126	Marshalls	142	-2		3.7	17.4
253	196	Maunders (J)	219 †			5.1	∞
321	186	McAlpine (A)	199 †			4.1	28.2
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	57			1.1	
559	359	Meyer Int	368	-1		3.7	15.5
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	105½	-1		2.3	
202½	98	NSM	101	-3			11.6
196	146	Newman Tnks	163 †	+6		4.9	20.6
379½	205	Persimmon	206	-5		5.6	15.4
20	9	Phoenix Timber	12				
1800	1450	Pochins	1631½			2.5	
198	128	Prowting	131			3.2	40.3
1079	805	RMC Gp	973 †	-3		2.7	20.1
116	53	Raine Ind	55 †			6.8	11.4
40	19	Randus	19				
640	453	Redland	454 †	-7		6.9	21.0
108	70	Rosted	98 †		4.3	5.5	
185½	117	Rugby Group	117½	-3½		3.7	14.8
288	222	SIG	247 †	-1		2.8	19.8
61	50	Secure Retire	51				
67	50	Sytfld-Eve	62 †		0.7	1.5	28.2
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175 †			3.1	12.8
366	233	Sheriff Hldgs	280			1.5	24.4
111	62½	Shorco	111 †			4.4	9.7
245	195	Smart (J)	233			4.6	20.1
5	1	Stannin	1½				
206	121	Tarmac	124 †	-2		5.5	
257	151	Tay Homes	180 †	-1		4.5	∞
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	124 †	-1		1.8	30.3
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	560 †	-3		4.3	42.9
60	36	Torex Hire	36			2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	293 †	-4		3.5	18.1
24½	15	Trencherwood	18				
40½	23	Try Group	24 †			2.6	
28	21	Tudor	24			1.3	
114	90	Vibroplant	114			3.8	30.1
170	123½	Walnhomes	127	-½		4.1	13.7
74	48	Ward Hldgs	59	-1		1.1	
63	33	Waterhouse	51				
545	450	Watts Blake	535 †			2.9	20.1
225½	148	Westbury	153	-2		4.2	17.3
7	3½	Wiggins	6½	+½			
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	350 †			3.4	15.6
259	171	Wilson (C)	180			2.9	15.0
249	132	Wimpey G	140 †	-5		4.7	20.9
30	16	YRM	16				

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	700	-8			
498	253	Adam & Harvey	498			3.7	6.8
83	58	Air London	65			6.9	∞
62	44	African Lakes	57			1.1	
140	69	Auto Sec	75	-4			9.7
162	99	BET Ord	107	+1		3.8	17.8
195	115	BNB Res	184 †			3.4	21.5
255	175	BPP	213 †			5.2	15.2
186	133	BSM	134 †			6.0	11.4
233	183	Barbour Index	183	-1		5.8	∞
1½	0½	Black & Edg	0½	-½			
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	178 †			3.8	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26			4.8	12.4
79	58	Brooks Service	58			3.8	
117½	87	CRT Gp	90 ↓			4.5	22.1
238	158	Capita Group	163			2.1	20.8
59	28½	Casket Plc	28½			4.8	9.7
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	25½	-½			
85	40	Christie	40				
423	292	Chubb Sec	310	-9		2.5	19.1
65	41	Corp Services	59			0.5	22.2
97	48	Coutts Cnslg	55			0.9	
179	140	Dart	162			2.9	17.3
278	212	Davis Service	225 †	-4		4.5	15.1
154	96	EW Fact	96 †			6.4	7.2
34	18	Gardiner	18½			5.1	8.7
334	261	Hays	269 †	+2		2.8	18.3
289	220	Hogg Robinson	223			4.0	15.6
39	18	Holmes Protectn	23				1.4
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	268½	-7		2.0	20.0
2896½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1781½	-96½		5.9	1.9
609	395	Inchcape	418 †	-2		4.5	13.9
165	138	JBA Hldgs	140 †			2.1	14.2
414	254	Johnson Clean	255			5.3	10.3
8	4	Lep	4½	-½			
194	141½	Mitie Gp	189			1.5	22.1
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1740½	-9½		0.7	
115	65	Michael Page	110 †	-1		2.6	27.8
143	90	Parity	138 ↓			2.1	35.3
115	83	Penna	84			6.0	
89½	60½	Proudfoot	65 †	-1		6.7	11.1
415	280	RCO	310			6.1	10.7
157	97	REA	136	-1		5.5	28.1
177	104	Reed Executive	159	-1	1.0	0.8	
153	105	Reliance Sec	152	-1		3.9	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	226 †			1.7	23.3
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187			2.7	29.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	263	-4		3.8	13.7
68	43	Scott Pickford	57			2.0	∞
17½	9	Select App	14				
307	243	Serco Gp	288			1.6	26.3
130	75	Shervell Cmp	99	-1		4.0	13.5
130	93	Sketchley	99				∞
140	100	Unipalm	108				
338	325	Warner Howrd	327			2.8	19.5
30½	18	Wills Gp	19 †			3.3	10.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
136½	115½	Allied Colloids	133	-3		2.2	21.4
1141	910	Amersham	930	-4		2.0	20.3
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2				
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£123½	-33½		7.6	
373	286	BTP	290	+1		4.2	18.9
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£140½	+23½		6.4	
171	97	Blagden	115			1.6	53.8
131	88	Brent Chems	115½	-½		4.3	
615	311½	Brit Biotech	590	-3			17.4
13	5½	Caird Gp	6½				
199	153	Canning (W)	182 †			5.0	30.8
580	430	Courtaulds	432	-6		4.3	34.8
399	327	Croda	358 †	-3		3.0	15.4
143	95	Doeflex	136 †			4.2	15.4
283	225	Ellis & Everard	264	-2		3.6	19.5
62	35½	Euro Colour	60½	+½		2.4	21.6
390	337	Halstead (J)	375 †			2.5	∞
223	148	Hickson	148 †			6.8	13.3
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£131	+25½		5.6	
250	153½	Holliday Chem	217			3.5	17.7
808	728	ICI	796	-17		4.3	64.5
843	683	Laporte	694 †	-15		3.9	17.3
248	188	Leigh	188	-1		3.2	17.2
95	48	MTM	81			0.8	
2547½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2409½	-34½		1.3	∞
625	428	Paterson Zch	453 †			3.8	∞
565	415	Paterson Zch 'A'	434 †			4.0	∞
380	173	Plysu	173			5.1	24.7
349	265	Porvair	285 †			1.9	21.5
66	31	Ratcliffe Speak	31			1.8	20.2
490	361	Wardle Storeys	411			5.2	21.5
823	520	Wolstenholme R	785 †			3.0	16.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	395	+2		2.6	17.0
336	258	Yule Catto	284 †	+1		2.9	21.6
859	692	Zeneca	838 †			4.1	16.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	219	-1		3.5	16.3
410	307	Argos Plc	325 †	-3		2.2	17.1
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	71	+1		0.2	
257	134	Asprey	136			5.5	6.8
246	176	Austin Reed	182 †			2.8	12.2
168	136	Beattie (J) 'A'	136 †	-1		5.7	17.8
150	110	Bentalls	126 †			2.0	43.7
165	36	Betterware	53			6.7	5.6
48	31	Blacks Lsre	31	-3		9.3	
254	195½	Body Shop	226	-3		1.2	19.7
601	497	Boots	526	-6		3.6	20.8
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½				
263	210	Brown (N)	229	-1		2.3	20.3
74½	51	Burton	68	+½		3.7	
265	153	Cantors	153 †			3.3	∞
530	396	Church	408 †	-2		3.3	25.4
171	96	Clinton Cards	100 †			3.9	14.5
287	194	Coats Viyella	196	-2		5.4	16.7
170	88	C'try Casuals	98			6.1	9.0
933	720	Courts Furnish	735			1.0	29.4
210	155	Crown Eye	180	-5		7.4	7.0
137	79½	Dairy Farm Intl	80½	-½		4.3	11.6
143	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	124 †			1.7	17.5
287	170	Dixons Grp	196			4.2	20.8
11½	7½	EBA Gp	8				
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	9½			2.8	
580	550	Elys (Wimbldn)	580			3.8	27.2
204	181	Essex Furn	192			2.5	30.7
326	217	Etam	287			3.4	15.8
559	457	Fine Art Dev	463		14.3	3.9	14.3
68	45	Fired Earth	67				
155	136	Formminster	148	-1		2.7	∞
278	134	French Conn	243	-1			10.3
78	48	Gent SR	69 †			4.1	∞
122	85	Goldsmiths Gp	124			1.9	22.1
653	524	GUS	550 †	-1		2.9	16.4
196	164	Hamleys	165			3.6	15.7
31	21	Hampden Grp	23 †			5.4	66.2
70½	13½	Hartstone	14½			2.8	
91	64	Honeysuckle	66			4.5	10.1
237	172	Hse of Fraser	199 †	-1		3.1	17.9
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	88 †			3.6	14.4
211	175	Jacques Vert	188			3.0	16.6
778	457	Kingfisher	471 †	-5		4.0	12.4
68	61	Leslie Wise Gp	62			7.5	14.1
495	335	Liberty	340 †			1.8	
380	277	Lloyds Chem	300 †			4.0	9.6
184	126	MFI	138	-2		3.6	17.3
460½	380	Marks Spencer	419	-6½		2.7	19.5
680	495	Menzies (John)	496 †			3.0	12.2
377	228	Moss Bros	267	-8		2.9	14.4
325	214	Next	235	-6½		3.6	14.2
96	39	Oliver (G)	91½	-1½			28.3
335	255	Ottilane Ind	262	-2		5.0	11.9
37	12	Pentos	16½				
268	166	QS Hldgs	168 †			3.9	18.4
62	22	Rhino Grp	23			2.7	21.9
209	140	Rosebys	140			4.2	16.4
180	92	Sherwood Gp	92 †			4.1	9.1
132	99½	Sears	109 †	+1½		4.3	18.5
40	21	Signet Group	21	-1½			7.2
549	437	Smith WH	459	+4		4.2	23.7
21	10	Specialeyes	10				
252	189	Storehouse	221	+4		3.1	19.7
198	140	T & S Stores	167 †	-4		4.6	11.8
173	114	Tie Rack	127½	+½		1.8	14.4
285	215	Time Products	239			4.7	15.8
132	105	Usher (Frank)	121 †			7.2	9.2
539	384	Vendome	523	-8		1.3	40.2
44	34	Vivat	40			3.9	10.4
70	33	WSW Group	35			2.1	25.8
108	42	Wensum	104 †			3.5	15.1
129	87½	Wickes	88 †	-1		1.8	19.8
93½	52	Wld of Leather	79 ↓			1.1	
195	138	Wyevale	145 †			3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	97	ACT Group	97	-3		6.8	9.1
296	248	Acal	284			3.0	17.8
650	473	Admiral	645			1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	182	-1		3.4	15.0
40	34	Alphameric	41	-1			31.3
50	25½	Amstrad	27½	-1½		2.3	
110	73	App Holo	109				
39	24	Arlen	33	-1			
94½	78	Astec	83½	-1		1.4	16.9
281	118	Azlan	134	+2		2.8	10.8
283	239	Beales Hunter	235			4.4	∞
478	325	BICC	331 †	-2		7.3	20.9
539	411	Blick	415			3.1	16.7
1100	637½	Borland	650				
380	280	Bowthorpe	303	-1		2.9	17.3
486	353½	BT	380	-4½		5.5	13.2
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	-½		1.8	10.2
79	55	Burnfield	81	-½		3.5	28.8
543	381	Cable Wireless	397	-2		2.6	16.9
35½	24	Chloride	28½	-½			74.1
283	263	CML Micro	269			2.8	17.2
205	105	Comptr People	195 ↓			1.6	44.6
202	154	Cray Elect	178	-1		1.6	∞
467	412	Critchley	436			2.3	19.5
586	439	Delta	439 †	-6		4.2	18.8
603	446	Denmans El	598			1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	520			2.0	22.4
78	63	Dowding Mills	64 †			5.0	23.4
1835	1220	Druck	1460			0.9	27.2
589	443	Electrocomps	464	-6		2.6	20.2
199½	135	El Data Pr	138			1.7	12.8
175	138	Electron House	155 †			2.6	16.0
38½	21	Emess	32			0.4	
451	343	Eurotherm	383	-3		1.6	22.7
212	158½	FKI	158½	-5		2.9	18.3
856	501	Farnell Elect	501 †	-6		2.0	20.6
346	296	First Tech	333			1.3	19.2
283	194	Forward Gp	194			3.2	11.6
58	14½	Forward Tech	44 †			2.1	9.1
359½	269½	GEC	278	-3		4.9	14.0
191	119	Graseby	150 †			5.0	14.1
14½	10	Graystone	13 †			2.3	11.0
193	122	Ind Control	122 †			5.1	∞
388	268	Jones Stroud	345			3.3	16.5
145	99	Kalamazoo Cmp	122	-3		3.4	13.8
398	335	Kenwood App	369			3.0	18.2
298	221	Kewill Sys	233	-3		2.5	11.0
165	38	Kode	60	+1		8.3	
35	19	Laser-Scan	20				
143½	68	LBMS	99				
171	107	Life Sciences	139 †	-3		3.7	13.8
321	266	Logica	296 †	-2		2.1	∞
55	45	LPA Ind	54			3.7	
216	110	MR Data Mngt	115 †	-3		6.0	∞
723	423	Macro 4	423 †			5.9	11.9
281	220	Menvier-Sw	265			2.0	20.6
1320	790	Micro Focus	888	-22			10.7
178	115	Microgen	117			7.7	11.7
45	31	Microvitec	35½				
548½	425	Misys	425	-1		2.4	∞
494	185	Mitel	214	-8			
188	143	MMT Comp	175			3.0	17.9
320	250	MTL Inst	320 †			1.7	19.3
148	109	Murray Elct	113 ↓	-1		2.2	
2746½	2284½	NYNEX	2343½	-28½			
128	55	Neotronics	54			6.0	11.7
60	48	Newmark (L)	48				
439	279	Norbain	439 ↓			0.6	21.3
180	47	Northamber	88	-3		1.1	37.4
4	4	Oceonics	4				
31	24	Orbis	24		0.5	2.7	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	309			2.0	18.2
84	60	P & P	69	-1		3.9	17.1
98	74½	Peek	80			5.4	19.0
236	160	Pegasus	160 †	-3		3.9	16.1
£115	£97½	Philips Fn 4%	£100			5.8	
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1890½	-40½		1.0	8.6
440	310	Phonelink	317	-16			
399	293	Pifco	354	-1		1.6	24.3
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	332	-3		1.7	22.8
148	70	Plasmec	120 †			3.9	
129	100	Pressac	110 †	+1		2.9	22.5
303	181	Psion	254 †			1.4	17.8
261	187	Racal Elect	203 †	-1		2.1	20.5
52	33	Radamec	52 †			4.6	14.3
48	27	Radius	38 †	-2		1.2	
169	73	Real Time	156			3.2	11.8
311	239	Roxboro	230 †			2.4	16.8
615	507	Sage Gp	605			2.1	16.3
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	80			4.5	
89	15	Seentronic	15	-1		7.0	∞
256	162	Scholes Gp	253			0.8	∞
435	310	Sema Gp	434 †	-1		1.0	26.2
270	245	Servomex	266 †			3.1	28.4
49	35	Silvermines	35	-½		2.9	21.8
94	63	Soundtracks	64	-1		4.7	14.5
3225	2265½	TDK	2868½	-31½		1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11				
101	51	TGI	85	-1		2.9	15.8
170	80	Telemetrix	86	-1		1.5	11.0
318	191	Telspec	308 †	-8		1.0	37.2
1165	953	Thorn EMI	979	+3		4.3	20.0
220	133	Thorpe FW	215 †	-1		1.9	15.7
43	22	Total Systems	36				37.4
303	215	Tunstall	251			1.8	18.0
363	256	Unitech	348	-2		2.4	27.2
16	8½	Verity	9				
31	21	Vistec	21	-½		2.4	11.4
220	157½	Vodafone	198	-3½		1.8	25.0
483	395	Volex	389	-1		5.7	17.5
200	60	Wakebourne	94				
31	20	Western Selectn	25		0.2	1.2	
335	298	Wholesale Ftgs	298		11.7	3.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	597	East Midlands	674 †	+8		4.8	46.5
866	666	Eastern Grp	755	-1		3.8	16.5
477	306	Hydro-Elect	319	-7		5.0	10.1
753	534	London Elect	712	+8		4.0	10.9
871	635	Manweb	799	+11		3.8	9.5
840	547	Midlands Elec	745	+9		3.9	11.4
520	404½	National Powr	481	-3		3.2	11.9
858	589	Northern Elec	794	+14		3.9	10.0
421	329	Nthn Ireland	368	-2		3.9	10.0
850	587	Norweb	797	+17		2.6	10.5
602	440	PowerGen	554	-3		2.9	12.2
486	325	Scottish Power	344	-3		4.5	10.9
483	299	Seeboard	422	+12		3.5	11.2
840	597	Sth Wales	790	+10		4.1	10.7
824	551	Sth Western	758	+15		3.9	10.1
837	540	Southern Elec	765	+14		3.7	11.9
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	727	+12		4.0	14.1

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 †			2.5	
165	79	BWD	95			5.5	7.8
126	96	Baltic Plc	125 †			2.0	7.9
215	163	Blotec Inv	166	+1			
757	623	Caledonia	699	-3		3.0	16.8
3650	1800	Camellia	2375			1.7	6.4
363	310	Candover	325 †	-3		4.3	
212	179	Ebco	179	-3		5.9	9.7
455	353	Govett	362	-2		4.9	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	236			4.0	18.4
438	150	Johnson Fry	165	-3	1.5	1.1	
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	155 †			7.5	9.7
57	44	Mentakie	52				
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16½	-½			0.3
58	16	Newmarket	16 †				
365	247	Rathbone Brs	263			4.0	13.0
29	21½	Rutland Tst	27 †	-½		4.2	13.7
369	281½	S & U	330 †			4.1	10.7
114	75	Singer & Fried	81 †			4.9	10.4
1260	773	Sothebys	773	-2		3.6	33.4
188	116	SIP Capital	129			2.9	8.0
224	143	Towry Law	143 †			3.9	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2097½	1626½	Amer Express	1806½ ↓	-50			
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	134	-2		5.4	9.9
229	157	Gartmore	169½	-1½		2.9	19.6
1208	845	Henderson Ad	915	-3		6.0	14.5
251½	151	Invesco	154	-1		3.0	25.3
317	214½	Jardine Strat	231½	-4½		3.3	10.1
323	218	MAI	233 †	-1		4.2	12.7
117½	88½	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	91½				
770	538	MAM	600			4.7	14.0
1243	794	M & G	908	-2		3.9	19.0
496	324	Smith New Ct	334			3.7	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	30			6.2	13.6

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	522	-5		3.6	10.2
66	50½	ASDA Group	62	-2½		3.5	14.2
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	282	-1		3.8	11.3
74	43	Albert Fisher	44	-1		11.0	14.3
315	222½	Argyll	257	-8½		5.6	11.2
270	220	Banks (S C)	220			5.5	8.4
373	305	Barr (AG)	370			2.3	23.0
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44			6.1	
481	378	Booker	400 †			6.8	14.9
56½	48	Borthwick	51			3.2	21.8
505	413	Brake Bros	427			2.1	15.3
43	24	Budgen	25			5.0	15.9
212	156	CPL Aromas	208	-3		1.8	19.9
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	425 †	-10		4.5	14.1
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	-1		3.0	10.1
167	130	Cranswick	149			6.9	12.4
17	11½	Cullens	14	-½			
154	90	Dalepak	112	-1		1.7	∞
543	389	Dalgety	427 †	-2		6.2	12.0
87	50	Daniels S	54			0.7	
294	212	Devro	213 †	-1		3.7	14.4
101	55	Everest	56 †			5.8	∞
394	344	Farepak	344			2.4	19.6
8½	5½	Farringford	5½				
85	66	Finlay (James)	78			6.8	10.3
108	87	Fyffes	105			1.7	19.0
371	189	Geest	199	-1		5.2	
20½	13	Global	13 †			4.8	11.8
68	38	Grand Central	48				
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	121	-1		6.9	7.6
196½	151	Hillsdown	166	-3		6.7	11.7
28	16	Hobson	23½				
211	133	Iceland Group	167 †	-1		2.9	10.4
111	93	JLI Group	97			6.2	13.7
656	523	Kwik Save	550	-7		4.2	9.6
376	138	Low (Wm)	364			2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	115 †	-1		3.0	13.8
18	9½	Merchant Retail	9½			2.7	
149	99	Morrison (W)	133 †	-2		1.0	15.5
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241			3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nthn Foods	198	-2		5.6	9.7
14	9	Nthumbn Fn	11				
232	173	Nurdin Peack	173 †	-4		4.8	9.6
146	89½	Park Foods	120	-2		2.5	24.3
81	62	Perkins Food	76	-1		7.3	12.8
141	109	PizzaExpress	112 †	-1		2.2	17.2
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½				
480	342	Sainsbury J	384	-4		3.5	13.6
96	73	Semry Farm	81			3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	81	-2		11.6	∞
487½	392	Tate & Lyle	416	-2		4.0	10.3
253	200½	Tesco	233 †	-½		4.3	11.7
198	162	Thorntons	175 †			3.5	14.3
238	145	Treats	218			2.4	17.8
434½	323	Unigate	326	-10		6.6	9.2
388	293½	Utd Biscuits	294 †	-7		6.5	24.0
21	7½	Usborne	7½	-½		5.7	5.3
422	270	Watson& Philip	375			4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †			9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	34				
94	76	City Centre Rest	77	-1		2.9	15.6
285	209½	Forte	227 †	-1		4.1	26.9
207	169	Friendly Hotels	179 †	-1		4.0	30.0
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	158	+½		4.4	14.1
217½	149	Ladbroke	150 †	-2		2.9	26.5
109½	74½	Mandarin Ornt	75½	-2½		4.0	20.7
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels E	27½	-½		4.7	15.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938	-5		0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	80½	-1		1.9	28.0

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	41	-1			
544	392	AAH	394	-1		5.7	14.0
185	119	AIM	150			3.8	40.0
138	60½	APV	60½	-1		9.1	
220	157	ASW	190 †	-2		3.9	
202	148	Adwest	148 †			6.3	15.1
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18			5.2	51.0
312	223	Airsprung	244			2.5	15.2
220	148	Alexdra W	148 †			4.9	15.8
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½				
341	283	Alumasc	340 †	-1		2.2	∞
73	27½	Alvis	35	-½		3.6	24.3
780	705	Amber Ind	780			3.2	16.2
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	54			2.3	29.5
81	43	Anagen	57				
95	47	Andrews Sykes	68				
380	199½	Antofagasta	348	-11		1.3	28.1
62	48	Armour	51½			4.5	∞
175	158	Ash & Lacy	158 †			5.1	16.3
6	3½	Asm Br Eng	4½			1.4	58.8
639	474	Avon Rubber	537	-2		3.8	23.3
297½	245	Assoc Nursing	245			1.0	14.3
553	490	Atlas Equip	533 †			5.2	17.8
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	113		1.5	1.7	
236	173	BBA	188 †	-4½		3.0	
198	115	BLP Group	163 †			0.8	44.7
51	24½	BM Gp	44½	-1			
767	627	BOC	670	-2		4.3	28.3
86½	58	BSG	58 †	-1½		6.9	36.3
578	495	BSS Group	525	+5		4.2	21.9
401	299	BTR	301 †	-1½		5.2	15.9
176	138	BWI	143			6.0	∞
45	26½	Babcock	29½				
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½				
270	216	Baird (Wm)	218	-1		5.2	18.3
566½	369½	Barlow	481½	-3½		0.7	
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	78 †	-1		2.8	20.0
25½	17	Bearing Power	23	-½		4.1	14.6
95	23	Beaufort	33				
35	28	Bedford (W)	32				
18½	8½	Benson Group	10 †	-½		4.1	∞
393	243	Bespak	276			4.6	14.2
91	49	Bibby (J)	55	+1		4.5	
236	124	Billam (J)	124 †			5.3	7.7
39	26	Bilston Battsea	35	-1			
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #				
283	243	Birkby	244	-1		3.1	17.9
48	30	Black Arrow	41			7.9	10.0
290	233	Black (Peter)	262½			2.1	18.8
250	155½	Bluebird Toys	226 †	+3		3.3	6.7
329	262	Bodycote	311			2.2	21.1
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28			3.1	∞
73	43	Booth Inds	65				
28½	17	Boustead	26			3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	442 †	-1		3.7	16.6
1869½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1725	-9½			
297	248	Boxmore Intl	280	-1		1.9	17.8
26	15	Brasway	15½			4.3	15.8
370	288	Brammer	340 †			4.8	18.9
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16			1.6	
171	120	Bridon	156			3.2	
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	95	-1		3.0	
57½	44	Brierley Inv	44	-2½		9.2	∞
235	180	Br Bldg & Eng	180			5.7	∞
12½	70	Br Bloodstock	74				16.4
515	435	Br Polythene	445 †			3.4	15.6
172½	121½	Br Steel	158½	-½		1.6	58.6
176	43	Br Thornton	43	-2		17.4	3.8
309	219	Br Vita	238 †	+1		3.0	17.7
180½	130	Brixton Grp	130 ↓	-1		2.4	19.1
988	773½	Broken Hill	914	-4		2.1	38.9
125	86½	Bromsgrove Ind	89			6.3	11.3
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	-½			
71	46	Brown & Tawse	48				
186	135	Bullough	146			5.2	24.0
16	7	Business Tech	7½				
22	14	CI Group	15			2.5	
54	31	Campbl & Arm	43				
39	11½	Cannon St	16				6.1
488	393	Cantab Pharms	393				
278	237	Cape	237			5.8	15.1
453	254	Caradon	271 †	+1		4.1	18.0
215½	128½	Caradon pf	132½	-1	7.2	6.8	
393	248	Carclo Eng	248			4.6	16.2
10	6	Care UK	6½				
2446½	1890½	Carnaud MM	2187½	+9½		2.2	16.9
106	80	Cassidy Bros	85			4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	138			2.4	17.0
66	29	Cathay Intl	29	-2			
233	191	Celltech	215	+1			
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160			5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	765	-3		3.7	21.8
360	272	Chemring	294			3.9	15.5
62	46	Chieftain Gp	58			7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	165 †	-1		1.5	28.6
80	60	Clayhithe	75	+1		4.4	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	540		3.4	0.8	
297	232	Commmky H	247 †	-1		4.0	14.3
263	183	Concentric	183	-2		4.1	15.2
310	240	Cook (Wm)	271			3.5	13.0
285	226½	Cookson	228 †	-3		3.6	20.6
117	81	Copymore	115			4.5	16.3
167	108	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	109 †	+1		6.5	24.4
157	109	Cosalt	134			5.8	
295	190	Creighton Nt	194			5.0	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	32 †			3.0	
2062½	1506½	Dana	1506½	-37½			
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	282	-8		0.7	24.0
298	198	David Brown	212½ †	-1½		3.9	15.0
1021	825	De La Rue	981	-11		2.5	20.9
162	133	Denby Group	153			2.5	14.9
52	32	Dinkie Heel	34			5.2	9.8
628	445½	Diploma	452	-2		3.5	18.1
97	70	Dobson Park	78	-1		6.0	15.4
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	92			4.8	∞
97	75	Dyson 'A'	75			5.8	∞
16	12	EFG	14½	-½	0.1	0.9	9.5
442	364	EIS	390			4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	17				
53	25	Eleco	31				
3750½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3215½	-34½		1.7	54.0
91	69	Elliott (B)	88			1.4	13.4
447½	320	Eng China Cl	330 †	-6		6.2	15.9
146	96	Environmed	120			0.2	
3781½	2237½	Ericsson 'B'	3728½	-53½		1.0	31.9
86	56	Eurocopy	63			3.6	18.6
118	60	Expamet	102 †			3.2	72.3
402	334½	Fairey Group	370 †	-4		2.1	19.6
148	109	Fenner	125			0.4	
110	82	Ferraris Group	88			3.0	13.0
45	34	Ferrum	34				
78	50	Fife Indmar	60			5.7	8.8
157	107	Fisons	115			3.0	
60	37	Fitzwilton	41			11.3	
303	263	Flogas	300			2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44 †		1.5	4.3	
126	94	French (Thomas)	95			4.8	18.8
264	205	Frost Group	230 †	-5		2.6	23.2
88	77	GEI Intl	82			2.3	23.0
660	510½	GKN	601 †	-8		4.3	35.2
79	49	GR Hldgs	55			4.1	
134	91	Garton Eng	127 †			4.6	
191	113	Gestetner	113	-2		2.7	
80	49	Gleves	60			2.1	38.5
725	520	Glaxo	583 †	-6		5.8	14.3
46	24	Glenchewton	24				26.5
404	321	Glynwed	330	-5		4.5	10.1
209	125	Goode Durrant	190			3.9	14.9
185	96	Grampian Hldg	96½	-2½		7.1	17.8
598	475	Granada	506	-4		2.2	20.1
85	71	Green (Ernst)	80 †			9.4	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½			4.0	14.3
85	61	Haden MacLn	72 †	+2		3.5	18.6
122	90	Hadleigh	119			2.1	13.9
76	59	Halltin Hldgs	65				50.7
320	143	Hall Eng	147 †			6.8	11.5
256	204	Halma	220	-2		1.3	25.8
73	47	Hampson Ind	52			4.8	9.9
302	217½	Hanson	220½	-1½		6.8	19.7
161	122	Harris (Philip)	140			6.1	17.3
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	160 †	-2		7.0	18.2
191	121	Havelock Euro	183	-2		2.1	16.7
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28				
50	31	Headway	31 †			2.8	24.1
511	284	Hepworth	292 †	-3		6.4	16.6
205	130	Hewitt (J)	130			3.1	
75	46	High-Point	46			1.4	
184½	137	Hill & Smith	148			4.9	16.1
191	88	Holders Tech	95			7.9	10.3
63	39	Hopkinsons	52 †			3.1	
216	176	Hornby	180			6.2	15.7
103	78	Howden	85			3.6	13.6
292	234	Hozelock	246	-1		3.0	17.5
265	159	Hunting	160	-1		8.0	30.9
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	420 †			1.6	19.6
370	286	IMI	287	-7		4.4	24.4
138	110	ISA Intl	113 †	-2		1.9	14.1
165	39	Imerate Gp	39			11.2	4.2
325	284	Isotron	284 †			2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	492	-10½		2.9	11.7
628	488	Johnson Mathy	554	-3		2.6	22.1
51	37	Johnson & FB	37½	-1½		1.2	
294	149	Johnston	277 †	-1		2.0	33.3
32	25	Jones Shipman	30				
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30			4.2	29.3
191½	142½	Kalon	142½	-1½		3.9	13.5
315	230	Kelsey Ind	315			3.2	
875	730	Kershaw (A)	865			4.0	39.8
276	163	Kleeneze	166	-2		0.8	36.8
444	340	Laird	340 †	-2		4.0	16.0
170	145	Lilleshall	155 †			3.8	16.2
229	205	Linread	225 †	+2		3.8	14.0
408	313	Linton Park	398 †			5.5	11.4
14	4½	Lionheart	5½			4.8	
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16	-½		1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	84	+2½			
175½	124½	Lonrho	131	-1		3.8	36.0
438	364	Low & Bonar	411	-2		3.1	16.4
49	38	ML Hldgs	38			2.8	13.2
67	49	MS Intl	49			6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	54			3.8	∞
271	223	Macfarlane	269			1.9	21.7
539	418	McKechnie	432			4.4	15.6
127	100	McLeod Russel	109	-2		7.0	17.0
104	69	Magnolia	69			0.2	
179	129	Mang Bronze	145 †			3.4	∞
26½	18½	Marling	25	-½		3.3	44.8
231	166	Mayborn	186 †			4.0	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	56 †			3.1	22.8
187	120	Medeva	161 †	-2		2.3	12.9
120	71½	Meggitt	73 †			6.7	11.8
120	101	Metalrax	107 †			4.4	17.8
128	99	Metrotect	102			4.2	13.8
133	99	Metsec	132 †			2.8	18.4
134	69	Midstates	75	-1			10.4
6	3½	Middlesex Hlds •	5½				
589	539	Molins	539 †			3.7	10.8
408	311	Morgan Cble	311 †	-2		5.1	15.1
217	176	Morris Ashby	210			3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	36			4.3	16.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47 †			8.4	11.6
274	214	Nobo Gp	228	+1		3.3	14.6
212½	119	Norcros	125			7.0	22.4
35	25	Novo Group	25 †			1.0	∞
64	53	OMI Intl	49½			4.4	
175	153	PCT	155 †			6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	70 †	-1		6.3	25.3
46	31	Pascoes	40				
123	84	Pentland	94½ †	-1		3.8	18.8
310	207	Photo-Me	235 †	-5		2.6	24.5
208	162	Pilkington	193			2.6	
55	38	Plant & Gen	52	-2		4.3	∞
185	82	Plansbrook	173	-2		2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	128 †	-1		2.2	∞
44	16	Porter Chadburn	39				
341	218	Powerscreen	297			3.1	13.3
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14½	+½		7.0	7.8
77	56	RPS Group	68 †			4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiant Metal	80				
447½	335½	Rank Org	409	-6		3.9	26.2
71	13	Ransomes	60				
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	573 ↓	-5		3.9	14.5
95	70	Record	85 †			5.3	19.1
5½	3½	Reece	4				
291	211	Relyon	259			2.6	47.3
309	268	Renishaw	302 †			2.9	36.5
185	126	Renold	176½			1.8	24.5
539½	424	Reuters	450	-3		1.9	22.8
90	72	Rexmore	78			4.0	7.9
194	138	Ricardo Group	145 †			5.2	17.6
73	51	Richards (Leics)	51 †			5.5	36.5
104½	82	Richardson West	82			4.9	18.0
164	118½	Ropner	125 †	-5		7.5	14.2
24	7½	Ross Gp	9			2.8	
195	157	Rotork	167 †			3.3	17.0
190	137	Rubicon	137 †			4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	90 †			3.1	18.5
42	34½	SEP Indl	35			3.2	16.5
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1168½	+9½			
272	186	Scapa	206	-4		3.6	17.6
210	145	Scholl	150 †	-2		5.3	14.4
295	242	Scotia	262	-1			
1543	1146	Securicor	1438	-5		0.3	35.6
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	928	-13		0.4	23.0
882	606	Security Serv	743	-12		1.0	23.5
150½	72	Senior Eng	84 †			5.1	13.7
356	291	Seton Health	346	-2		2.3	17.6
180	138	Shiloh	158			2.8	10.5
351½	192	Sidlaw	192 †	-4		7.2	9.5
630	500	Siebe	515	-8½		2.7	16.6
378	194	Silentnight	232 †	-1		4.3	14.6
196	137	Sime Darby	162			3.4	16.8
130½	75	Simon Eng	102				
244	175	Sinclair (Wm)	175 †	-3		5.1	13.5
82	35	Six Hundred	81			2.3	
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	140 †	-2½		4.5	15.5
465½	357½	SmithKline	403	-8		3.8	15.6
421	322	SmithKline Uts	368	-6		4.2	14.2
527½	411	Smiths Ind	452	-3		3.7	17.1
104	41	Soho Bus	49	-1		9.5	7.6
280	159½	Spandex	250	-3		1.2	20.1
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	436 †			2.8	18.5
81½	43½	Spring Ram	44			1.4	
267	197	Staveley	207			5.1	60.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	238			3.3	21.4
238	165	Suter	167 ↓			7.0	16.1
604	431	Swire Pacific 'A'	431	-9		2.1	∞
178	149	Sylone	158			3.9	17.5
459	343	TI	357	-7		4.0	19.7
44	31	TLS Range	36½			3.4	14.7
402	330	TT Group	352 †			2.4	∞
292	192	Takare	227		2.0	1.1	19.8
852½	656	Takeda Chem	741½	-17		0.9	14.0
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119			5.9	19.4
220	162	Titon	162	-13		3.3	13.8
293	202	Tomkins	226	-1		4.5	13.2
124	74½	Trafalgar H	85	-2		1.5	
105	65	Transfer Tech	56	-2		7.5	7.8
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130	-1		6.7	∞
313	256	UniChem	269			3.2	15.4
440	245	Unidare	305			3.5	16.6
54	33	Unigroup	36			3.2	
1347	968	Unilever	1116	-16	25.0	2.8	16.1
8118½	6491½	Unilever (NV)	7193½	-93½		3.0	14.6
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½			0.8	
1329	980	VSEL	1305	-13		3.4	12.2
31½	12	Verson	13½				
204	163	Vickers	169	-1½		3.6	17.9
327	241	Victaulic	241	-1		4.2	13.2
19	9½	Villiers Grp •	11				
722	451	Vinten	497			2.1	12.8
805	661	Vosper Thorny	705			3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	58			4.1	34.0
527	451	Wagon Ind	464	-2		4.8	23.6
114	97	Walker Greenbk	105 †			4.1	18.4
324	246	Wassall	277 †	-6		1.6	23.8
63	44	Wterfrd Wdgwd	58	-1			45.2
354½	249½	Weir	283	-2		2.9	16.9
731	498	Wellcome	633	+6		3.9	14.4
220	193	Wellington Hldg	193 †			3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38			3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hlthcare	364			1.5	∞
548	385	Whatman	385 †	-1		3.4	14.1
254	90	Whessoe	115	+3		8.9	8.8
155½	93	Whitecroft	145	-4		1.7	22.9
13½	9½	Widney	10½				
414½	322	Williams Hldg	338	+4		4.8	20.9
59½	39½	Wilshaw	59½	-1½		1.3	24.5
975	705	Wolseley	725	-9		2.9	14.0
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155			2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	68 †			0.9	∞
96	70	Young (H)	72	-1		5.7	77.0

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1237½	-25		5.4	
2043½	1587½	Am Gen	1587½	-25		4.5	
66	47	Archer	56			2.2	
165	85	Bradstock	94			7.4	10.8
550	370	Britannic	404			4.0	
117	89	CLM Insce	90		1.4	2.0	
701½	481	Coml Union	518	-11		6.1	19.5
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	+2		2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	34	-1		1.3	
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	145	-1		6.2	13.0
757	529	Gen Accident	550 †	-8		6.3	8.9
247	161	GRE	184 †	-4		5.3	20.6
457	238	Heath C E	239	-1		8.4	
323	239	Independent	254 †			4.3	6.9
203	125	JIB Group	134 †			7.0	12.3
547	407	Legal & Gen	428 †	-8		6.0	17.0
1415½	965½	Liberty Life	1381½			7.2	5.5
119	91	LIMIT	93	-1		1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	326	-4		7.1	9.8
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	179 †	-1		5.4	11.8
185	159	Lombard Ins	176			5.5	16.8
443	313	London & Man	320 †	-5		6.3	15.9
236	169	Lowndes Lmb	169	-1		5.5	10.7
5893½	4606½	Marsh McLn	4681½	-31½		3.8	
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †			4.0	17.4
129½	109	Orion	113 †			5.5	∞
83	34	PWS	34			11.0	
385	271	Prudential	298 †	-4		5.7	12.9
404	261	Refuge	276 †	-2		5.3	20.3
350	232½	Royal	277	-3		4.1	7.0
222	139	Sedgwick	150	-2		5.0	17.0
155	104	Steel Burrill	113 †	-1		10.0	
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	76			4.9	
418	265	Sun Alliance	317 †	-8		5.9	8.8
96	51	Trade Indemnity	63 †			1.8	14.0
464	332	Transatlantic	335			4.5	30.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	498	-2		4.3	25.6
245	133	Willis Corroon	150	-4		5.5	14.5
28	20	Windsor	25				19.6



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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	319	+2		2.6	
2058	1703	Alliance	1729	-24		3.4	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	412	-3		2.2	
161	117	BZW Conv	121 †	-2		8.1	∞
219	173	Bankers	181 †	-1		2.7	
381	311	Baring Tribne	321	-3		2.6	
248	196	Berry Starq	220		2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	92	-1½		5.9	
98	89	Br Empire Sec	90	-1		1.3	
40	31	Br Empire Wts	36	-1			
234	188	Br Inv	206			2.9	
272	221	Brunner	232	-3		2.9	
223	194	Contl Asset	194	-1		1.9	
173	147	Derby Inc	156			12.6	
328	268	Derby Cap	285	-5			
100	73	Drayton Blue	75	-1		14.0	
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	86	-1		1.2	
156	128	Drytn Far East	135½	-2½		0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	620	-7		5.3	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	87	-1½			
80	39½	Dunedin Wts	39½	-½			
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	305	-5		3.7	
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	758	-13		1.6	
360	281	Edinburgh	299½	-2		3.7	
354	286	Electra Inv	319			2.8	
220	185	Electric Gen	191	-5		2.1	
127	106	English Scot	109	-3			
345	286	European Asset	293	+2		2.0	
174	145	Fidity Euro Val	152½			0.2	
103½	85	Fidity Jap Val	85	-1			
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155		3.0	2.4	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	279½	-6		0.5	
145	75	Fleming Chinese	76½	-1½			
92	36½	Fleming Wts	37	-1			
267	196	Fleming Claver	204 †	-4		3.4	
385	302½	Fleming Contl	309	-3		0.9	
264	190	Fleming Entp	202	-3		3.0	
459	327	Fleming F East	336	-3	1.5	0.5	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	350	-4		1.1	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	91	-2		6.0	
284	223	Fleming Japan	250	-5		0.2	
347	269½	Fleming Merc	273 †	-3		3.1	
347½	280½	Fleming Oseas	287 †	-3		1.9	
159½	126½	Foreign & Col	130½	-3		1.7	
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	125½	-1	0.2	0.3	
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	70½	-½		1.1	
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	223	-3		0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	114	-5		0.5	
374	307	Frgn Pacific	320 †	-2		1.0	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	162	-1½		1.5	
303	239	GT Japan	239 †	-3		0.7	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	153	-3			
115½	105	Genl Inc	108			10.1	
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	139	-2			
151	101	Gov Emg Mks	118½	-1½		0.3	
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	86	-1			
112	78	Govett High Inc	81			7.0	
429	349	Govett Oriental	395	-5		0.3	
346	231	Govett Strategic	232	-3		3.7	∞
475	410	Greenfriar	416	-2		2.0	
19	19	Gresham House	19				
105	86	Herald	92				
99	90	Int Biotech	90				
50	30	Int Wts	37	-1			
158	122	Inv Cap	124	-2		5.2	
119	94	I&S UK Smlr	102	-1		3.4	
177	126	INVESCO Korea	159	-2			
243	195	Kleinwort Chrt	197	-1		3.3	
89½	75½	Klnwt Euro Prvt	76½	-1			
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	25½	-2			
272½	222	Klnwt O'seas	227	-5		1.9	
165	131	Klnwt Smlr	131 †			3.0	
826	672	Law Debenture	718	-1		3.4	
227	190	Majedie	191	-2		3.3	
324	237	Merchants	254 †	-2		5.5	
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	82½	-1			
45	28½	Mercury Wts	29½	-1½			
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	109½	-1			
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	37	-2			
2987½	2087½	Merrill Lynch	2162½	-12½			
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	508	-6		1.7	
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	139	-1		4.4	
64	43	Morg Wts	48	-3			
111	87	Morg Lats Amer	102	-3½			
65	39	Morg Wts	59½				
148	109	Murray Em	113 ↓	-1		2.2	
58	34	Murray Wts	34	-1			
88	54	Murray Euro	59	-½		0.6	
27½	16	Murray Wts	17				
393	317	Murray Income	319 †	-3		4.6	
395	319	Murray Intl	328 †	-1		4.8	
548	424	Murray Small	475	-4		1.2	
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	86	-1		15.4	
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	145	-2			
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850			4.6	
162	153	Murray S/C DP	157½	-½			
363	302½	Murray Vent	305 †			4.7	∞
95	61	Nwthrog Inc	62 †			8.7	
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	345	-2		1.1	
241	179	O'seas Wts	204	-1			
640½	433	Pacific Assets	516	-1		0.3	
542	386	Pacific Wts	415				
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700 †		195	2.8	
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	-1		1.1	
127	112½	River & Merc	114			10.1	
449	405	Robeco	405	-7		3.1	
463	415	Rolinco	415	-7		1.9	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	305	-1		3.2	
183	150½	Scot American	154½	-2		3.9	
368	238	Scot Asian	286	-3			
1020	663	Scot Wts	808	-5			
97½	77	Scot Eastern	78½	-½		2.5	
262½	208	Scottish	212½	-1½		2.9	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	219	-2½		3.3	
139½	104½	Scottish Value	104½	-1½		2.3	
1795	1515	Second Alliance	1530 †	-33		3.4	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	79½	-1½		5.1	
179	148	Selective Asset	154	-2		1.2	
51½	35½	Sphere Inv	39½	-2		8.9	
205	149	TR Far East	159	-2		4.1	
177½	139½	TR City Of Lon	141 †	-1½		4.6	
129½	86	TR Pacific	114	-2		0.2	
43½	32	TR Property	32½	-½		3.5	
152	106	TR Tech Inv	106	-2		2.1	
238	182	TR Smlr Cos	185	-1		2.6	
412	310	Temple Bar	320	-3		5.2	
135	102	Thrmtn Asian E	105	-1		0.0	
101	71½	Throgmorton	72	-1½		4.0	
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	505	-5			
269	233	USDC Invest	240	-1		2.3	
139	108½	Value Inc Tst	110½			4.8	
257½	205	Witan	222½	-1		3.3	

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
478½	417	Airtours	432	-7		2.6	15.0
49½	18	Ald Lsre	18				
177	144	Alpha Airpts	150 †	+1		3.4	
131	85	Baldwin	113 †			3.9	19.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	300 †			4.2	12.5
365	231	Boosey Hwks	342 †	-2		1.9	20.2
205	133	Border TV	184			2.7	15.4
7½	3	Brent Walker	3½				
200	100	Bristol Scres	183 †	-17		2.0	
7½	2½	Buckingham Intl	2½	-½			
74	35	Campari	35				
439	328	Capital Radio	345	-1		2.3	30.4
1047	797	Carlton Comm	835	+2		2.9	18.4
247	114	Chrysalis	231		3.2	1.8	
374	305	Compass Gp	318	-5		2.7	18.7
290	232	Eurocamp	269		9.9	4.6	11.1
213	78	Euro Disney	79	+1			
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½				
495	308	Fairline Boats	435			3.4	30.3
131	81	First Choice	112			3.9	
350	262	First Leisure	262 †	-2		3.2	17.4
480	309	Flextech	480	+1			
1033	675	GWR Gp	893	-2		1.5	32.3
356	228	Grampian	336			2.8	18.0
172	106	HTV Group	146 †	-1		1.5	32.6
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	40 †	+1		8.7	5.9
18½	11½	Kunick	14½				
263	200	London Clubs	245	-4		6.1	12.5
702	539	Man Utd	650 †			4.0	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½				
67	34	Northern	61	-1		6.4	9.8
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	96			1.4	∞
183	125	Prism Leisure	125			4.2	8.8
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30				
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	263			2.1	39.6
628	395	Scott Radio	583			2.3	22.8
574	395	Scot TV	439 †	-1		3.6	29.5
40½	21½	SelecTV	22½				
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	324	-3		2.0	18.3
153	125	Sunset & Vine	130	-3		3.9	∞
345½	280	Tanjong	280			0.7	15.7
167	75	Tottenham Hot	127 †			1.0	34.1
760	518	Ulster TV	708			2.9	21.8
151	129	VCI	151			1.7	13.5
149	112	Vardon	127 †			1.2	22.5
396	150	Yorkshire TV	394	-1			
149	110	Zetters Gp	137			7.8	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3618½	-18½		1.9	34.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3468½			2.6	18.8
7331½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	7271½	-9½		3.2	22.0
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½				
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1312½	-9½			
404	275	Bakyrchik	290	-2			
184	90½	Blyvoors	162	-2½			
37	12½	Bracken	19	-2½		4.6	
898	580½	Buffels	789½	+3½		6.8	∞
6	2½	Burne	2½				
968	745½	CRA	852	-4		2.4	28.1
55½	36	Cluff Res	44				
143	28½	Coal Inv	108	-2			
1750	1319½	De Beers	1537½			3.4	16.5
148	88	Deelkraal	124	-½		2.8	11.1
101½	30½	Doornfontein	89½	-2½			
1036½	665½	Driefontein	1027½	+9½		4.1	15.3
941½	549½	Durban	931½	-5			
203½	107	E Rand Gold	181½	+3½		11.1	6.0
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	95½	-½			
513	305½	Elandsrand	508	-2½		3.1	11.9
1239	741½	FS Cons	1096	+9½		5.2	13.8
82	22	FS Dev	82			1.5	
1975	1193½	GFSA	1931½	-6½		1.9	29.2
239½	109½	Gencor	239	-1½		1.1	20.1
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57	-1		2.4	22.2
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	20½				
202	105½	Grootvlei	192½	-1		4.8	10.3
680½	319½	Harmony	658½	+8½			
430	268½	Hartles	353½	-2½		7.9	10.5
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1465½	-9½		1.7	46.1
1315½	890½	Kinross	1159½	+9½		4.1	16.4
1094½	568½	Kloof	1076½	-2		2.9	11.4
137	69½	Leslie	125½	-½		8.4	7.5
368½	176½	Loraine	333	-1½			
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½			2.0	
162	118	MIM	130			1.7	
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1643½	+12½		2.1	∞
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	171	-2		1.9	26.6
905	790	RTZ	895 †	-12		3.0	24.4
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½			2.4	∞
840½	547½	Randfontein	683½	-22½		7.2	8.7
295	207	Renison	235				
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1787½	+6½		1.6	∞
756	539½	St Helena	710½			6.1	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2068½	+3½		4.1	24.4
143	73	Stilfontein	120½	-2½		17.4	4.1
261½	90	Unisel	221½	+3½		2.6	17.3
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6600	+25		3.8	11.0
1191½	508½	Western Areas	1191½	+5½		5.9	11.4
3575	2050	Western Deep	3528½	+18½		2.9	12.4
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	371			1.0	60.6
1225	603½	Winkels	1021½	-37½		4.6	14.6
66	47	Zambia Copper	47	-5			
68	48	Zandpan	61			8.1	12.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
308	233	Abbey Panels	308	-25			
156	108	Airflow Stream	154	-2		3.3	22.9
175	117	Appleyard	120			6.0	21.2
405	255	Bletchley Mtr	255	-8		5.1	10.5
306	180	Bostrom	206 †	+1		2.5	16.9
584	390	Br Aerospace	465 †	-5		2.4	40.8
57	36	Burndene	36			6.9	10.5
465	280	Caffyns	280			5.1	18.9
22	12½	Caverdale	12½	-½		1.5	12.9
130	98	Central Mtr	98			4.5	24.2
51	32½	Cook (DC)	38			3.3	∞
348	201	Cowie	205	+3		5.0	10.0
192½	127	Dag Motors	140 †			5.8	16.1
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156			2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	323			0.8	
234	202	Eurodollar	210	-4		5.1	16.4
173	106	European Mtr	110	-1		4.8	11.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	406			4.4	12.8
310	235	FR Group	307 †			3.2	15.3
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1750	-25			
4387½	2512½	General Mtr	2512½	-35		1.9	
90	60	Gowrings	74 †			3.4	22.5
342½	269½	Henlys	272 †	-2		3.4	14.6
1339	918½	Honda Motor	1069½	-20½		0.4	
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58				13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	149 †	-3		3.4	17.1
573	335	Lex Service	337	+2		5.0	12.9
282	162	Lookers	190			4.5	11.8
239	158	Lucas	191 †	-2		4.6	
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24 #			1.3	
310	232	Pendragon	236			4.0	15.5
238	165	Perry Gp	165 †			5.3	9.0
218	141	Quicks Group	141 †	-2		4.7	14.8
204	161	Rolls-Royce	171½	-2		3.6	30.2
261	203	T & N	212 †	-3		6.4	18.5
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	311			2.6	22.3
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158	-2		3.6	14.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	291			2.8	20.6
345	320	Black (A&C)	335 †			5.0	14.2
402	213	Blenheim Gp	254	-1		5.2	9.4
413	365	Bristol	376			4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1381½	-6½		1.4	32.3
1484½	869½	Daily Mail 'A'	1012½	-6½		1.9	23.7
314	260	Dorling Kind	289½	-½		1.4	∞
641	538	Elsevier	607	+6½		3.2	19.7
489	360	EMAP	360	-5		3.0	22.4
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1738			2.9	30.6
194	32	Harrington K	42			3.0	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	410 †	-13		2.7	24.4
408	333	Hodder H'line	333 †			2.0	54.2
180	120	Home Counts	175			3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	218 †			2.0	10.6
15	8	Intl Cm & Data	9½				
340	273½	Independent	287	+2		2.6	9.8
669	551	Johnstone Press	620 †			1.5	22.8
110	43	MAID	52				78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	476			2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	135 †			2.6	18.5
203	123	Mirror Gp	141 †	-2		0.9	7.4
514½	364	News Corp	376	+1		0.4	25.3
314	224	News Intl	247			0.7	13.1
735	552	Pearson	590 †	-4		2.8	20.3
760	619	Portsmth Sund	619	-6		2.1	15.3
964	722	Reed Int	741	-4		3.3	22.4
249	187	Southnews	227			1.6	29.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	138 †			3.3	11.8
622	310	Telegraph	326	-2		4.8	11.0
885	695	Thomson Corp	725		30.1	5.2	36.2
472	389	Trinity Intl	389 †			3.2	17.9
45	18½	Unit Group	35				
731	479	Utd Nwspprs	505 †	-3		5.6	12.2

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	34½	Aran Energy	39				23.6
53	35	Arcon Intl	43				
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	-1½			
67	43	Aviva Pet	50				
9	6	Beverley	6½ #				64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	212 †	-1		4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas	277 †	-5½		6.5	
430	340	Br Petroleum	411 †	+½		7.8	22.5
4	1½	Bula Resources	3½				
919	811	Burmah Castrl	835 †	-2		4.1	16.6
84	56	Cairn Energy	77				42.4
375	258	Calor Gp	287	-1		5.6	13.5
51	33	Clyde Pet	40 †			1.1	
30	12½	Coplex Res	13½	-½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½ †				
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22				23.7
480	370	Enterprise	372 †	-3		5.4	
28½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½ †			5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½				
77	54	Goal Pet	66	-1		2.7	21.9
47	31	Gt Western Res	43½				
177	137	Hardy O & G	147			0.9	18.8
55	40	Kelt Energy	50			3.3	
169	110½	Lasmo	148	-2		0.8	
73	52	Lasmo Units	52 †		7.8	18.8	
75	55	Monument	69½	-½			74.3
7½	3½	New London	4				
50	36	Oil Search	44				
50½	17½	Pennz	39½	+½			
168	148	Pict Pet	148				∞
111	89	Pittencrieff Rs	89				
32½	21½	Premier	26½				14.4
158	113	Presidio	113			5.9	
282	139	Ramco Egy	226	+2		0.3	
463	325	Ranger	366			5.4	
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	6771½	-100		4.7	17.7
4084½	3321½	Schlumberger	3321½	-18½		2.2	
67	50	Seafield	66	-1			
758	651	Shell	694 †	-6½		4.5	21.0
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sr	128				
237	178½	Woodside	228	-4		1.6	
110	28	XCL	69				

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	138	AG Holdings	139			4.7	12.6
444	355	API	355			3.0	22.3
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	240 †	+1		3.3	37.5
365	270	Abbott Mead	345 ↓			2.1	31.2
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½				
205	145	Aspen Comms	165 †			3.8	18.8
26	15	BBB Design	15				7.7
472	372	Bemrose	372 †	-1		4.2	13.3
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½				
186	139	Bunzl	160 †	-2		3.2	18.8
169	117½	CIA Gp	135			1.6	21.8
198	129	Capital Inds	167 †	-1		3.4	13.1
117	76	City of Lon	83			6.6	12.7
439	300	Cropper (James)	300			1.5	15.1
114	78	Delyn Group	84 †	+1		2.5	15.2
137	103	Dolphin Pack	104 †			5.4	13.4
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	66			6.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½			2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group	84			5.1	15.7
430	302	Ferguson Intl	340	-4		4.8	14.3
145	122	Ferry Pick	123 †			5.8	
227	188	Filofax	201 †			1.1	19.0
17½	8	Fitch	12				
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139			4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	175 †			3.8	21.1
34	23	Goodhead	25			0.2	
30	3	Hunterprint	3½				
162	124	Inveresk	126 †			7.7	∞
282	248	Jarvis Porter	282			2.3	20.3
33½	20½	Lopex	21			1.5	23.7
431	344	More O'Ferrall	351 †			6.7	20.3
425	230	Osborne & Little	402	+10		2.0	14.6
60	31	Osprey Comms	31			0.4	
820	513	Portals	713	-2		2.9	19.2
3	1½	Premier Hlth	1½				
339	253	Quarto	253 †			3.0	13.8
412	314	St Ives Gp	316 †	-2		2.5	∞
178	127	Saatchi	155				30.2
1117	404½	Sappi	1060	-22½		0.5	
30½	14½	Serif	15				
57	29½	Shandwick	47			1.1	7.1
573	398	Smith David	520	-1		2.6	23.2
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	300 †	-12		1.5	51.2
119	82	Somic	82			3.8	8.8
254	183	Stn-Pres	183 †			6.2	17.4
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	37	-½		2.1	22.2
161	115	VTR	128			3.9	20.3
36½	24	WMGO	24			2.6	11.7
129	67½	WPP	102 †	-4		1.3	14.6
270	182	Wace	224			2.2	14.3
291	209	Waddington (J)	223			4.8	10.9
511	365	Watmough	386 †	-1		2.2	24.4
45	29	Whitney Mck	38				
132	98	Wyndeham	129			2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	96	Allied Lon	96			5.2	12.0
48	36	Arcadian	40				
276	253	Argent	263	-2			
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2½				
144	109	Asda	117 †			2.4	20.8
191	113	Avonside	118 †	-1		4.7	13.9
382½	238	Bilton	245 †	-1		4.9	17.8
108	72	Bourne End	83			1.5	
276	183	Bradford	185	-3		4.7	12.8
474	360	Br Land	384	-10		2.5	33.6
137	116	Brightstone	116 †			4.0	26.3
276	177	Brixton	185 †	-2		5.5	16.4
118	86½	Burford	90			2.2	29.2
112	90	CLS Hldgs	99 †			6.2	
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	137 †			1.5	31.0
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	207	+1		3.9	49.8
325	223	Cardiff Prop	223			1.4	49.9
185	152	Chelsfield	160 †	-1		1.9	54.3
678	494	Chesterfield	494			3.2	22.0
112	94	Chesterton Int	94	-2		4.4	13.2
84	36	Chy Sle Ests	63				
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7 †			1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½			6.3	∞
56	30	Conrad Rtblat GS	34 †			1.8	29.7
1755	1328	Daejan	1330			2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	8½				
156	98½	Debenhm Twsn	98½			4.4	16.0
17	5	De Morgan	5	-1			
189	161	Dencora	164			2.5	46.1
347½	248	Derwent Hldgs	248	-2		2.4	22.0
41	21	Development Sec	23 †			0.5	
51	45	Dwyer	46				
460	275	Estates Agency	325 †			4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	23½	-½			
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	111	-1		2.8	19.4
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½			1.9	
80	65	Fiscal Prop	66 †			1.2	
37	23½	Five Oaks	23½			1.1	
78	45	Fletcher King	45			4.2	22.3
536	407	Frogmore	432 †	-1		4.0	15.6
325	228	Grainger	253			3.0	∞
260	174	Gr Portland	179			5.6	34.1
226½	118	Greycoat	121	-1			
269	144½	HK Land	145½	-3½		4.2	∞
94	39	Hambro Cntyw	45			0.7	45.7
435	311	Hammerson	336 †	-5		3.7	33.7
390	298	Helical Bar	346 †	-5		2.2	12.4
40½	29½	Hemingway	30			1.7	51.5
78	24	Herring Baker	26			4.8	
311½	136½	Jermyn	140 †				70.1
792	588	Land Sec	599	-6		5.0	17.0
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	97	-1		5.4	14.3
16	8	Lon & Metro	8				0.4
562	409	MEPC	429	-4		5.8	24.7
13½	6	McInerney A	6				
190	164	McKay Secs	181			3.6	17.9
85	59	Merivale Mre	68 †			3.7	10.4
55	27	Moorfield Est	34			3.7	
1425	1159½	Mountview	1159½			2.4	11.5
196	144	Mucklow (A&J)	149	-2		5.4	19.4
59	20	OEM	21				
64	34	Olives Prop	34				12.7
2½	0½	ORB	0½				
191	145	PSIT	146			4.0	20.7
399	341	Peel	342			2.3	∞
162	142½	Pillar Prop	142½	-2		3.2	
12½	3	Power Corp	3				
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½				
53	32	Raglan	33				12.1
40	24½	Regalian	24½				9.3
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170			1.3	10.8
134	106	Rugby Est	107 †			2.6	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½			2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	67 †	+1		5.0	19.5
100	63	Savills	63			4.5	10.2
108	79	Scot Met	79	-1		3.2	9.0
135	99	Shaftesbury	99				
307	219	Slough Estates	222			4.6	47.5
103	56	Southend Prop	60			5.0	
133	106	Specky Shops	107	-1		2.8	
50	10	Stanhope Prps	12				
39	34	TBI	35½				1.9
244	167	Tops Ests	168			1.6	40.0
163	116	Town Centre	122			4.0	∞
107	88	Trafford Park	88 †	-1		4.5	∞
58	28	UK Land	47				
317	220	Warner	224			6.2	21.5
260	218	Warnford	225			4.4	18.4
7½	1½	Waterglade	2 #				
103½	63	Wates	68	-2			
105	68	Wood John D	71			3.5	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37				
173	163	Champ Phipps	171	-1		5.3	22.5
202½	134	Lambert	134 †			6.4	12.7
75	53	Pittards	68			3.3	
26	19	Strong & Fisher	21			6.0	14.3
181½	151½	Stylo	165			2.0	11.1
69	47	UK Safety	47 †	-2		6.9	11.5

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	509			3.2	15.6
71	40	Beckman (A)	40 †			11.2	∞
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17				
226	171	Br Mohair	199 †			5.3	20.5
385	292	Claremont Gs	316 †			3.0	17.6
593	451	Courtauld Text	487 †			3.7	21.9
159½	119	Dawson	139			2.7	
42	28	Drummond	29				12.9
80	72	Faupel	75			8.2	12.7
29	18	Foster (John)	19				
168	113	Gaskell	145			3.7	
33	25½	Helene Plc	28 †			9.0	11.5
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	231			2.5	16.4
73	55	Jerome (S)	60 †			1.7	7.6
485	333	Lamont	356 †			4.4	11.8
340	265	Leeds	279	+1		2.7	14.2
101	68	Lyles (S)	83			5.4	8.4
266	171	Parkland	171			3.7	10.2
112	77	Readicut	80½			5.3	13.8
70	46	SEET	47				
146	98	Sirdar	98 †			0.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	60			4.0	16.6
46	33	Stoddard	34			5.9	12.8
330	214	Tomkinsons	214			6.7	20.2
289	239	Yorklyde	270			2.9	13.0

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	422 †	-8		6.1	11.0
489	337	Rothmans	403	-8		4.1	21.5

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	271 †	-8		2.3	21.6
541½	440	BAA	497	-6		2.3	21.2
128	103½	Badgerline	119 †			4.3	
496½	344	Br Airways	368	-2		3.9	11.5
108	75	Clarkson (H)	91 †			2.4	22.9
592½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	216	-5			
87	50	Fisher (James)	50				
155	126½	IoM Steam	130	+1		4.2	9.9
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	57 †			3.6	
111	87	Lon O'Seas Frt	87			5.3	21
534	380	Mersey Docks	390 †	-10		3.0	18.9
347	245	Natl Express	308	-2		3.1	17.8
291	157	NFC	183	+2		4.8	28.1
348	246	Ocean Group	258 †			6.9	13.0
91	58	Ocean Wilson	68	-2		6.0	8.6
743	587	P & O Dfd	594 †	-1		6.4	18.4
202	153	P & O 5.5%	202	+2		3.4	
705	538	Powell Duffryn	538	-3		5.5	15.3
102	84	Seacon	96	-1		3.0	21.8
218	158	Stagecoach	218			2.4	21.7
131	89½	TNT	109				
915	708	Tibbet & Britten	716 †			2.0	18.3
79	27	Tiphook	35	-1			
327	197	TDG	209 †			5.7	14.0
136	98	Ugland	134	-1		0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	103			1.9	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	528	-9		5.4	13.7
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	325			4.4	11.0
751	508	Northumbrian	678	-9		4.5	7.3
611	454	North West	542	+1		5.3	8.1
645	457	Severn Trent	542	-7		5.2	7.6
682	466	Southern	586	-2		4.9	8.5
1740	1525	South Staffs	1728			3.8	11.5
675	484	South West	524	-3		6.1	7.7
611	434½	Thames	516			5.5	8.0
744	546	Welsh	622	-8		5.1	6.9
799½	551	Wessex	613	-10		4.8	8.1
630	458	Yorkshire	525			5.4	7.7

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	102 †	...	8.97	...
107	101½	Treas 12% 1995	101½	-	11.82	5.66
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98 xd	...	3.04	5.73
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	-	9.99	6.58
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	105 xd	-	12.05	6.98
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	107	-	12.98	7.23
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111 †	-	13.73	7.48
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108 †	-	12.23	7.54
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103 †	-	9.63	7.95
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	-	12.02	8.13
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	-	10.01	8.11
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	-	8.66	8.34
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	117 †	-	12.82	8.47
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	-	9.45	8.58
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	-	7.54	8.57
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94 †	-	7.13	8.58
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	115 †	-	12.10	8.79
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122	-	12.67	8.66
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	110 xd	-	10.82	8.76
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	102	-	9.26	8.75

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	89	-	6.70	8.73
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	-	10.91	8.83
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106 †	-	9.88	8.81
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105 †	-	9.70	8.86
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	100	-	8.93	8.81
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	117	-	11.05	8.98
109	88	Treas 7% 2001	90 †	-	7.75	8.88
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	104	-	9.54	8.96
129	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	104	-	9.37	9.00
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	94	-	8.47	8.94
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	106	-	9.43	9.00
120	103	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	-	10.34	9.24
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	-	4.82	7.69
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	86 †	-	7.83	8.84
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	103	-1	9.17	8.95
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	103	-	9.15	8.92
142	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	119 xd	-	10.44	9.22
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	93	-1	8.55	8.88
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	92	-	8.41	8.83
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114	-	10.29	9.24
110	95	Treas 8½% 2007	97	-	8.71	8.82
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126	-1	10.67	9.23
134	99	Treas 9% 2008	101	-	8.85	8.79

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	93	-1	8.56	8.78
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	102	-1	8.82	8.76
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	102	-	8.80	8.74
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72	-	7.56	8.49
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	-1	8.52	8.68
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	93	-1	8.54	8.69
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	-1	9.37	8.90
129	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	100	-1	8.68	8.66

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40 †	-	8.66	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	28	-	8.84	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	199	-	2.70	4.11
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107 †	-	2.76	3.80
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	-	3.39	3.82
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161 xd	-	3.49	3.84
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	-	3.54	3.87
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	-	3.59	3.85
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152 †	-	3.64	3.86
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	-	3.66	3.87
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.69	3.87
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.72	3.89
157	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131	-	3.75	3.90
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	-	3.73	3.87
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	-	3.77	3.91

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Fair shares for holidays

If you buy a holiday home with friends, who chooses the curtains? **Christine Webb** on the pros and cons

Teaming up with friends or family to buy a holiday home cuts the outlay, divides costs, and offers more flexibility than timeshare. But do the compromises involved in sharing spoil the pleasure? And how do the joint owners organise who gets the place at peak times such as Christmas?

Stephen Smith of Prettys, an Ipswich solicitors that specialises in French and foreign property, has handled many joint purchases and insists on careful arrangements.

"I'm concerned that few buyers of property, particularly French holiday homes, get proper legal advice in this country on the right way of structuring their ownership. It can save expensive legal and tax bills later on," he says.

Lorna and David Selby were scrupulous about working out the rules when they and some friends bought a chalet-style flat in the French Alps. "We spent ages deciding the best way of doing things," Mr Selby says, "because some colleagues bought a place in St Tropez between them, and after six months fell out like crazy over which weeks they could have. They didn't speak to each other for years."

The Selbys, who are in their mid-fifties, put the idea of joint ownership to friends in 1987. They agreed on a half share in the £40,000 flat near Thollon, high above Lake Geneva. "We formed a company in England and had a contract drawn up, not for two couples, but for four people. If anyone drops out, the rest must decide whether to buy out their share or have first option on finding a replacement partner. If neither of those worked, we'd sell the place.

"We let it out in the summer through Chez Nous of Huddersfield to pay overheads such as management charges. We book and pay for our weeks just like anyone else, so if we've paid the deposit first, we've got that week. Prices are higher at peak times.

"The only problems are getting new curtains and furnishings, when not everyone agrees about the colours. But we get by on that one. We realised it was a luxury, not a money-spinner. On the other hand we've got somewhere we enjoy going to."



Cottages at Hope Barton Barns in Devon offer a "hassle-free" alternative to timeshare

Cliff and Jeanette Longman, of Lightwater, Surrey, spared themselves the organisational work by plumping for a new concept. Group Ownership Ltd is converting barns at Hope Barton, South Devon, into 19 holiday cottages, which will each have ten owners. The Longmans bought their slice of a two-bedroom unit two years ago for £17,500; similar shares now fetch £22,000.

Unlike timeshares, owners have five weeks a year on a rolling rota which gives them first choice on the weeks they want every ten years. They actually own a share of the cottage, of the swimming pool, tennis courts and bar, and of the 30-acre working farm on which the cottages are centred.

"We were going to buy a modest seaside flat for around £40,000, and viewed place after place that was never quite us," says Mr Longman, a computer consultant.

"What you get for your money here is quite different. This place is done up to a very high standard, the quality is much better than we could have afforded. If we'd bought a flat we'd have had to watch the children all day but here they go off in the morning to see the cows being milked and we might not see them all day.

"There's a resident manager to see to maintenance, and we're linked into a timeshare exchange scheme. If we don't use a couple of weeks, the management rent them out, which pays our insurance and maintenance fee of £450 a year. It's a delightful place and a hassle-free, almost lazy way of doing things."

Barry and Helen Palmer, of Billericay, Essex, joined with friends and family to buy a house near Combourg, less than an hour's drive from St Malo, Brittany.

"It's worked out very well because we did plenty of research first," says Mr Palmer, a bank manager. "We'd been looking for a house for ages and had worked out some criteria: we wanted a house with a limited garden near a Channel port so that we could use it for short visits. It had to be in good enough condition for us to stay in while we improved it.

"We didn't want to buy it on our own because maintenance might be a liability; we wanted to split it with other people. So we teamed up with my twin brother, my wife's father, and old friends who live in Bath.

"Everything suddenly gelled two years ago when we got some good advice. We bought an off-the-shelf company to avoid complex French inheritance laws. We've got to do an annual return to Companies House which is complicated the first year, but next year it'll be a doddle.

"The house is a 150-year-old solid granite place, with two bedrooms and a three-quarter acre garden, backing on to an orchard. We regard it very much as our home.

"It was £28,000 and we've spent a further £5,000, so it's cost about £8,000 each. I'm chairman of the company and the utilities are paid for by standing order.

"I've been over for four short stints this year, taking the overnight ferry from Portsmouth. If we all wanted the same week we'd simply go together. It's essential that people have common interests and tastes. We're soon going to decorate everything."

Andrew Bateman and his brother, Edward, were careful to buy as tenants in common when they bought a house between them in Fowey, Cornwall, two years ago. Had they bought as joint tenants the property would automatically pass to the surviving tenant on the death of the other party.

"We have a mortgage for half the purchase price, with a 50 per cent share each," says Andrew, 30. "If one of us dies their half of the property goes to their estate. I'm married but Edward isn't, so it would pass on in accordance with his will."

He is a computer executive now living in Santa Barbara, California. Edward, 24, is in the Royal Navy, and the pair wanted to keep a base in England that could be rented out in their absence, but which they could use for their own vacations.

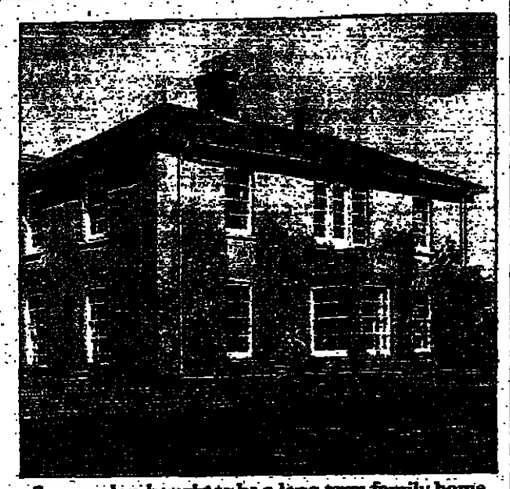
They paid £70,000 for a four-storey fisherman's house with views of the pretty seaside village, and spent another £20,000 restoring it. Their parents, who run tearooms nearby, act as caretakers, and advertise holiday lets.

"The market's dropped a little since we bought, but we look at it as a long-term investment, which is why we've spent extra on good quality furnishings and fittings," says Andrew. "If we both want to be there at the same time, that's fine, as it can sleep eight.

"We didn't draw up an agreement on first options to buy if a sale was necessary, but the survivor could bid for it in the marketplace. After putting so much time and trouble into it, the only problem I can foresee is if one partner wants to sell up in the short term, which wouldn't be fair on the other, and which would break a verbal agreement. But we wouldn't have done this unless we got on well: both of us are fair-minded, can see eye-to-eye, and discuss things."

These days buyers are moving in and staying put

Staying home for the 1990s



Summerley: bought to be a long-term family home

PEOPLE are moving house less often — and staying put far longer when they do. Once the big family home has been acquired, it will be kept for many years, until the time comes to step down into a smaller house.

Research by Savills shows that instead of home owners moving every six years as they did in the 1980s, eight years is now the average.

James Laing of Strutt & Parker says: "There will no longer be substantial short-term profits to be made from regularly moving house. It is no use estate agents and people looking to buy or sell thinking we are going to return to the days when *Country Life* carried 100 pages of property advertising each week. There will be no more trading up."

In the 1980s, people often bought a house knowing that, because the market was rising fast, they would benefit from trading upwards frequently. In 1988, according to government figures, the number of property transactions in England and Wales reached 2.1 million. By 1992 this figure had dropped to just over one million. James Laing thinks that in future the annual number of transactions will average 1.2 million.

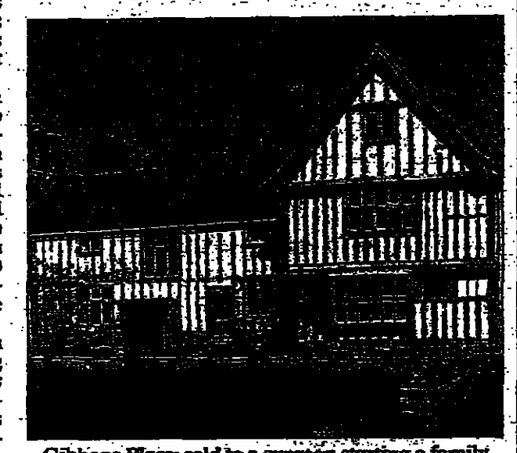
Andrew Drewar, of Surrey agents Curchods, says: "If the market does little more than keep pace with inflation in coming years, then the spur to trade up or down will be domestic, rather than for financial gain."

Purchasers are also taking longer to buy a house, due partly to a lack of confidence in the market and the inability to sell their own house, but also to a lack of necessity to move fast. With few people on the sidelines ready to jump in if they should fall by the wayside, slow deliberation is a luxury they can afford.

David Eckersley of Egerton acknowleges a change of heart in his house purchasers. He says: "I am seeing people take much more trouble to find exactly the right house. They are taking their time, and once they have bought they will probably stay there for the next 20 or 30 years."

One house Egerton sold jointly with Lane Fox earlier this year was Summerley in Bentworth, a popular village in Hampshire. This six-bedroom, four-bathroom house with 15 acres had eight offers, all from Londoners looking for somewhere to move into as a long-term family home. The agent was looking for offers over £700,000.

Another example of trading up once and for all was Gibbons House in Ightham, Kent. This magnificent timber-framed 16th-century house had five bedrooms and 37 acres, and was sold to a surgeon who was recently married and had his first child on the way. He moved from Sevenoaks, but wanted to stay in the area because of his job, and said he intended to live in the house for the next 30 years.



Gibbons Place: sold to a surgeon starting a family

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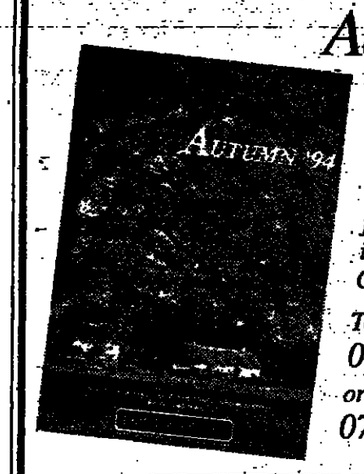
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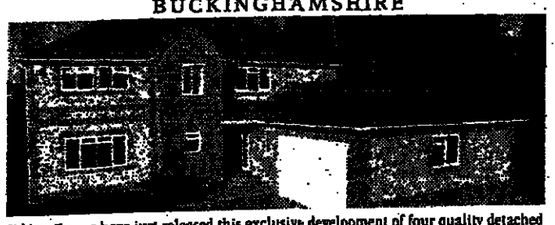
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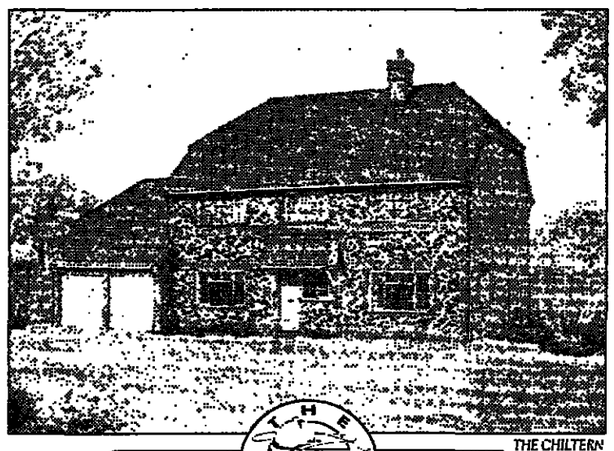
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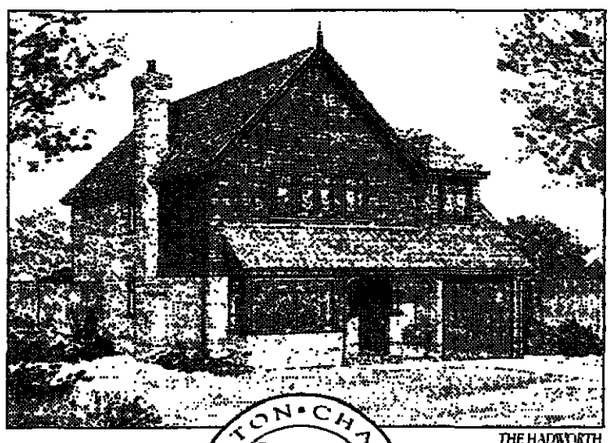
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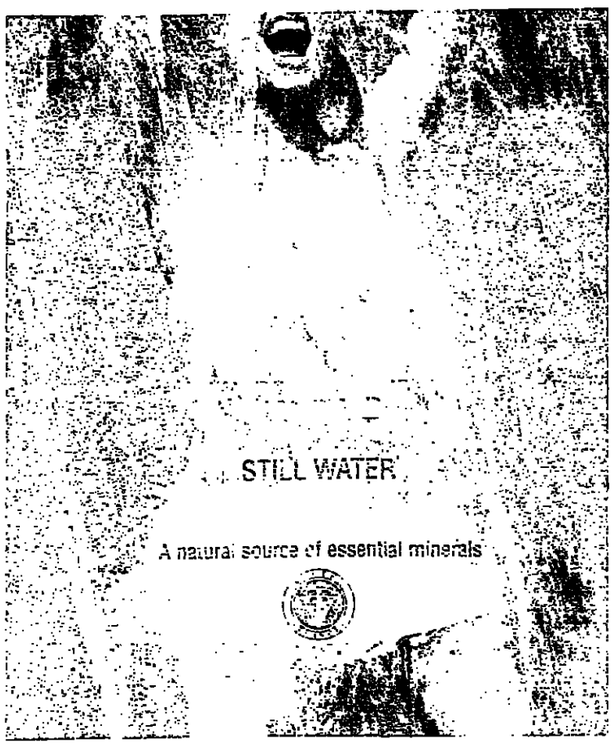
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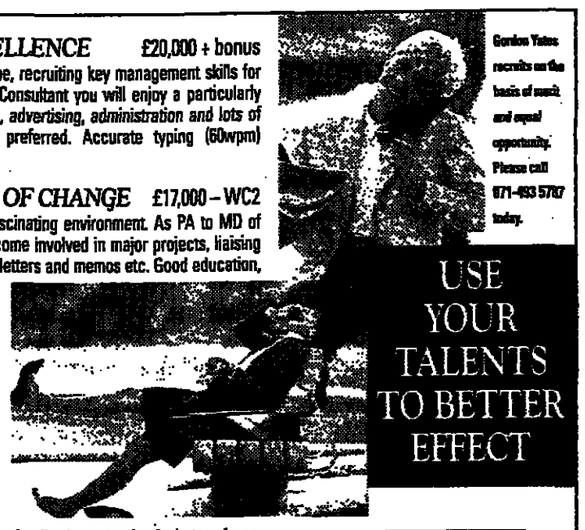
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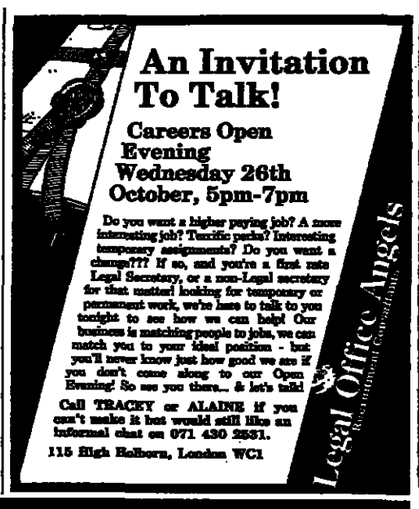
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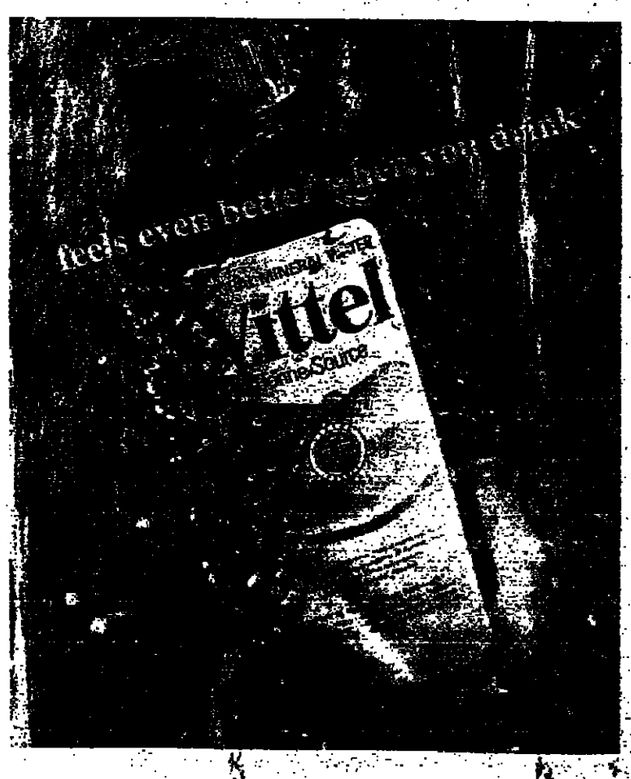
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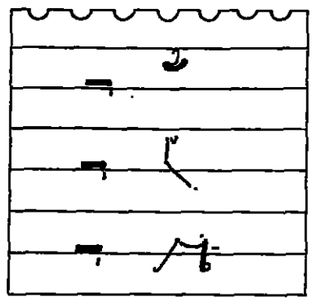
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OPERA: A fine new work at Glyndebourne; plus a touring *Bohème* and an ENO revival of *Magic Flute*

Monster show of romance

Rodney Milnes on the triumphant world premiere of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's *The Second Mrs Kong*

Monday's premiere of Birtwistle's new opera by Glyndebourne Touring Opera was beyond any doubt an overwhelming success. The audience — and it was not just a standard first-night gathering of the chattering Great and Good, there were real people there as well — had a wonderful time, and at the end cheered and stamped fit to raise the roof off the new Glyndebourne theatre. *The Second Mrs Kong* is funny, romantic, unsettling, touching, and in the end leaves you feeling very, very thoughtful.

It is also difficult to describe. There is no sense of there being a libretto which a composer has subsequently set, of someone then casting it and later handing it over to producer and designer. It is an amazingly integrated undertaking: music, words, performance, staging are utterly inseparable. Perhaps. *Don Giovanni* felt like that in 1787, but not every new opera launched over the last few decades has.

Russell Hoban's startlingly original libretto is about, among other things, "dreams of love that cannot be", and so fits neatly into a touring repertory that includes *Eugene Onegin*. The eponymous gorilla and the "Girl with a Pearl Earring" from the Vermeer painting search for each other across time, across existence, conversing via computer screen, telephone or through a Cocteau-style Mirror. Orpheus, in parallel search for Eurydice, accompanies Kong, and they are followed, or led, by Anubis, jackal-headed transporter of the dead, and a group of Hollywood caricatures. There is no Happy End — "the world needs the power of your love that cannot be fulfilled," remarks the Mirror healingly, if unhelpfully — but the search has been worthwhile.

Hoban's sharp and funny text, which contains as many quotable lines as *The Magic Flute*, seems to me by far the most rewarding that Birtwistle has yet been given, in that it has inspired a wider musical response than some of its more austere predecessors, and in particular has released the composer's dry Northern wit. You laugh out loud at the near Offenbachian zest of the word-setting and accompanying orchestral flourishes. It has also inspired a vein of tender lyricism not always immediately apparent in his works, which do have their stern side, and a Janáčekian succinctness. The piece moves foward as inexorably as all Birtwistle's operas but with economy and briskness in two short acts, the first just over an hour, the second just under.

> 'A totally integrated enterprise: music, words, staging are utterly inseparable'

The textures, leavened by cimbalom, accordion and the use of low woodwind expressively colourful even by Birtwistle's standards, are as riveting as ever, and so is the score's theatricality. Both acts build to their climaxes with crescendos of Brucknerian majesty and spaciousness, and the opening alone — Birtwistle is always very good at starting operas — is fascinating in its cluster of growling bass instruments, like *Rheingold*, but cubed. I wanted nothing so much as to hear the whole thing all over again, at once.

Tom Cairns's production is a tour de force of technical wizardry and spectacular effect: passenger-laden boats float and fly halfway up the proscenium opening, computer screens nearly take over the action (Kong's and Pearl's first non-meeting is dazzlingly funny), and movies (both relevant and wittily less relevant) flicker momentarily.

But the staging is also ravishingly beautiful, with two out of many settings (also Cairns) that take your breath away as lit by Wolfgang Göbbel. And for all the laughs, Cairns catches perfectly the overall tenderness and compassion of the work.

And he draws wonderful performances from the cast: from Philip Langridge as the pawky, melancholy Kong, from the ethereal Helen Field as Pearl, and from Steven Page as the sardonic Anubis, doubling as Kong's Death (Kong slays his own nemesis — an encouraging image). There are especially sharp contributions from Nuala Willis as a lubricious Sphinx and Phyllis Cannan as a Hollywood floozy. For Elgar Howarth's conducting and the robust orchestral playing, nothing but praise.

The only problem is the intermittent amplification of the voices — to make Langridge and Michael Chance (Orpheus) sound scratchy is not clever — but it is not enough to dim enthusiasm for a masterwork that silences any lingering doubts about the validity of opera as a vital means of expression at the close of the 20th century.



DONALD COOPER

The Second Mrs Kong on stage at Glyndebourne: Tom Cairns's production is a tour de force of technical wizardry and spectacular effects

Quick, quick, slower

La Bohème
Richmond Theatre

RUNNING in tandem with English Touring Opera's new production of *Orpheus and Eurydice* is a revival of Thomas de Mallet Burgess's staging of *La Bohème*, first seen earlier this year. By all accounts the latter has been tightened up noticeably since the spring, although it remains a very energetic production indeed.

Set in occupied Paris during the Second World War, the decor and costumes (designer Martin Johns) give the Café Momus act, in particular, an extra edge of sharpness and vitality. In the garret scene of the first act, too, the impoverished Bohemians seem somewhat hyperactive.

Most of Amanda Holden's lively translation could be clearly heard in the space of the delightful Richmond Theatre, even if the antics of the young artists sometimes seemed to pull them in too many directions at once. There was an appropriate slackening of dramatic pace and thinning of detail for intimate scenes such as those for Mimi and Rodolfo alone. Also effective was the telling contrast of the two pairs of lovers in Act III: Musetta and Marcello brawling on a verandah, while Mimi and Rodolfo say their tender farewells below.

With the exception of Adrian Clarke's sterling Marcello, all the cast members are new to their roles. Sarah Pring, firm in line and ardent in tone, was outstanding as Mimi. John Cogram was slightly less assured as Rodolfo, but he has an attractive voice and, when he did hit the mark, one sat up and took notice.

William Peel and Simon Preece completed the male quartet as Colline and Schaunard, while Naomi Harvey was a fresh-voiced, confident Musetta.

Andrew Greenwood's conducting imparted an idiomatic sweep to the score and was alert to its many nuances. The dark-toned minor chords that underpin Rodolfo's revelation of Mimi's illness to Marcello in Act III had exactly the right sense of foreboding.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Charm, but few chuckles

The Magic Flute
Coliseum

NICHOLAS Hytner's cool staging of *The Magic Flute* has become quite high-minded. Under the direction of John Abulafia there are not many jokes, although a reference to punishment by "Thunder, lightning and authorised biography" raised the sort of laugh that Schickaneder, Mozart's librettist, might have sought. Instead, there is a clean narrative about the rites of passage of two men: Tamino takes the path to enlightenment, and Papageno that to parenthood.

In this revival English National Opera has cast them carefully. Against the white walls of Bob Crowley's set, Neill Archer's Tamino is dressed whitest of all. He has the deportment and almost the voice of a Siegfried. And he is an innocent, especially among women who are a lying and deceitful lot until Pamina arrives — the Three Ladies are outstanding and Nan Christie a venomous Queen of the Night.

Archer's tenor is almost too heavy for the Portrait aria, but he has the charm to tame the beasts of the forest and the stamp of one destined to join the elite. Quentin Hayes's birdcatcher would be lost among the upper orders. He is as chirpy as his feathered friends — beautifully behaved as they flutter around him — and as nimble. The Hayes baritone, too, is easy and firmly placed: altogether an engaging performance.

Rebecca Caine, the Canadian soprano, made her house debut as a graceful Pamina, ready to shake off her shady family connections and step out into the light. She tried to give the G minor aria too much emotion rather than let Mozart take his course, but this was a small blemish on an attractive portrayal.

Martyn Brabbins, another debutant, conducted a performance as neat and well-sprung as Hytner's original production.

JOHN HIGGINS

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on the 13th – and possibly last – festival of silent classics at the Italian town of Pordenone

Will the rest be silenced?

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"Forgotten Laughter" was the main theme, and for eight days we sat in the dark, bombarded by more obscure two-reelers than is good for anyone's sanity. Instead of Harold Lloyd, we had his elder brother Gaylord; instead of Chaplin, we saw his chief imitator Billy West, and a host of other pale copies. Buster Keaton was not present, but his gags certainly were, recycled by others with less finesse; while Harry Langdon's baby face was worn by Billy Dooley, prancing about in a sailor suit in *A Briny Boob*.

At worst, the selection, culled from archives and private collections worldwide, uncovered films so bizarre that you could scarcely spot the jokes if you examined each frame with a magnifying glass. But even these had historical interest. Watching *The Skipper's Narrow Escape* (based on the Toonerville Trolley comic strip) or the animal frolics of the Dippy-Doo-Dad series, you at least got a sense of the poor daily diet that audiences suffered until Chaplin or Keaton came along.

We were rescued from malnutrition ourselves by several delightful surprises, and one major rediscovery. Britain's Lupino Lane supplied zany acrobatics; Charles Bowers, animator turned comic, displayed a fantastic imagination in *Fatal Footsteps*, while Edward Everett Horton proved he was funny long before he became an established foil in 1930s comedies. But the comic who brought the house down was Max Davidson (1875-1950), a middle-aged Jewish character actor in Hal Roach shorts during the 1920s. One of them, *Pass the Gravy*, won the audience's Favourite Comedy vote by a landslide.

With his bushy hair, furrowed brow and startled eyes that seem to shout "Oi veh!", Davidson's ethnic costume at first looks dangerously antiquated. But behind the Jewish stereotype lie inventive gags, subtly worked plots, and wonderful facial pantomime.

Davidson rarely initiated funny business. That was left to the jerry-built house with the sloping floors and mixed-up utilities in *Call of the Cuckoo*, or the freckle-faced son so winningly played by Spec O'Donnell, who purloins the neighbour's prize chicken in *Pass the Gravy* and watches in agony as the corpse is served up, First Prize leg tag and all, to its owner at dinner.

There is another good reason for the high quality of Davidson's films: Leo McCarey, who supervised or directed, was a master at producing comedies with a definite intelligence and shape, not just a clothes-line of random gags.

If Pordenone's comedies startled audiences only occasionally, jaws dropped regularly during the films of Monta Bell. This Hollywood director, born in 1891, started strong in the 1920s, but fizzled out once talkies and the march of time destroyed the world he chronicled so superbly in *Pretty Ladies*, *After Midnight*, *Lady of the Night* and *Upstage*. He died, forgotten, in 1958.

Few directors penetrated the surface of the Roaring Twenties as Bell managed to do. In these MGM tales of showgirls, petty crooks and nightclub hostesses, he catches all the desperation of lonely people, clutching at happiness with Prohibition booze and glittering lights.

He is particularly good at shading scenes, draining away the comedy until tenderness or tears are left. And few other directors could make Norma Shearer, his frequent star, shine so brightly: there is not a hint of the dull, grand lady she became in the 1930s.

Since Bell's gifts are so self-evident, one wonders why his name means so little to present-day film buffs. Many reference books omit his name, although London audiences encountered his work during a pioneering National Film Theatre season in the 1980s. Maybe Pordenone's salute will give Bell a further push into the hall of fame.

Pordenone's other featured Hollywood director could scarcely be better known. Down the decades, William Wyler's films won 118 Oscar nominations and 37 Oscars; *Ben-Hur* alone picked up 11. But this émigré from Alsace began in the 1920s in the humblest way possible, churning out two or five-reel Westerns full of fisticuffs and galloping hoofs for Universal, the studio run by his close relative, Carl Laemmle.

Since the director later earned the nickname "Ninety-take Wyler" for his obsessive pursuit of perfection, it came as a jolt watching the action fly so freely under the Californian skies. There were glimpses, though, of the Wyler to come. *The Stolen Ranch*, from 1926, darkened the usual Western ingredients with the haunted figure of a shell-shocked soldier from the First World War, robbed of the ranch that should have been his.

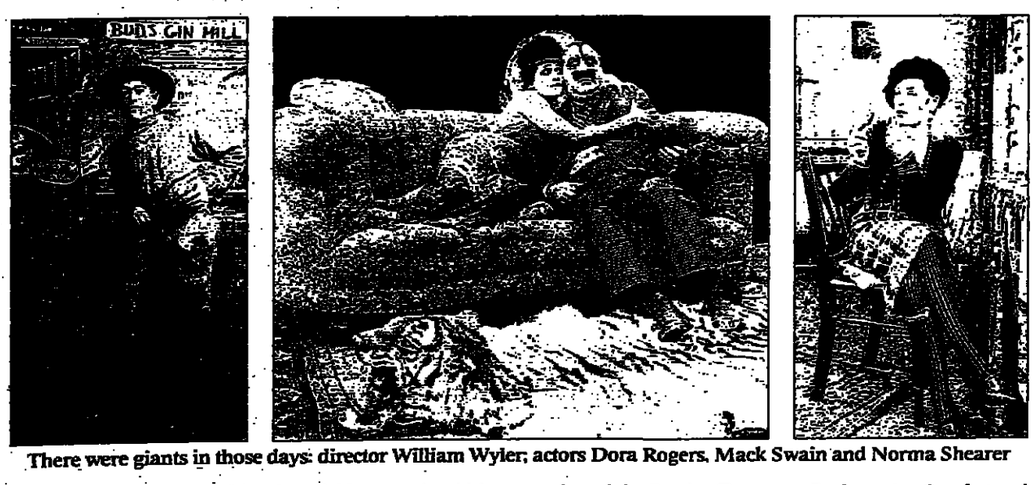
Then, with *Hell's Heroes*, released in silent and talkie versions early in 1930, the mature Wyler suddenly arrived. Playtime was over; and Peter B. Kyne's familiar story about three bandits risking their lives for the baby in their care brought forth some strong, if naive, religious symbolism and scenes of desert torment almost as powerful as those in *Greed*.

For the Pordenone screening, Neil Brand's fine piano accompaniment was topped off with a musical surprise: a local choir, secreted in the dark, draped the final scene in the sweet harmonies of "Silent Night". Tears were shed by some, although for me the stunt capsized the images with too much sugar.

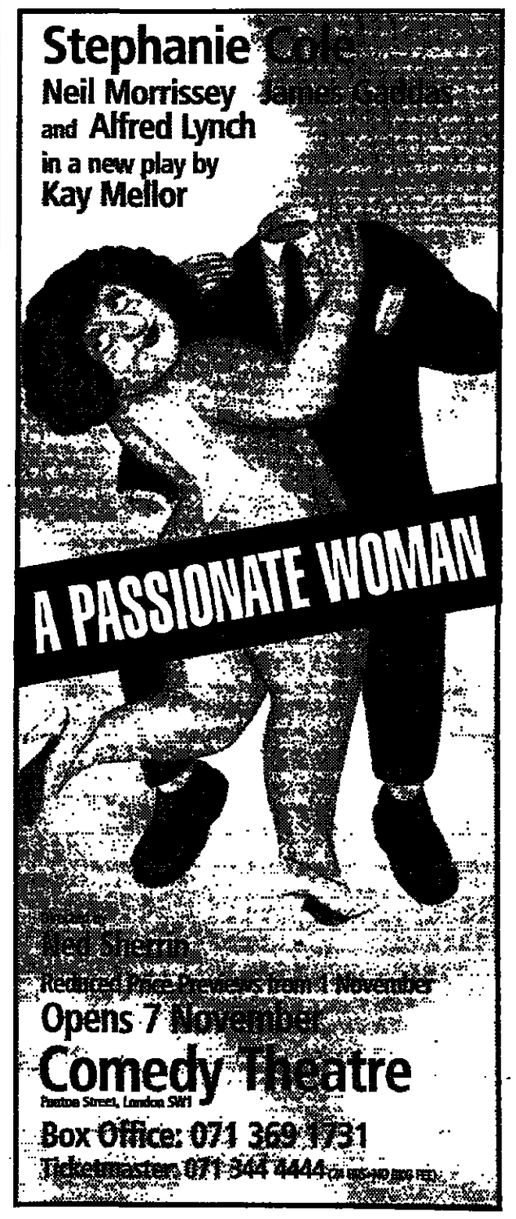
Far better "Silent Night", however, than the meandering sounds John Cale conjured from three keyboards for the closing night's special event, Tod Browning's *The Unknown*. This tale of Lon Chaney's fake circus freak who cuts off his arms for the love of Joan Crawford is a queasy experience at the best of times. Cale's droning added another, unwanted torment.

But at Pordenone you take such stray miscalculations in your stride. Nowhere else in the world do you find such audiences and films, such historical inquiry and lust for adventure.

The festival's future remains uncertain. Nato troops fill the town's hotels, the cinema faces redevelopment, some local support has disappeared, while no money has been allocated from the state's cinema centennial funds. It would be a tragedy and a scandal if such a precious event were to face extinction just when the art form the Giornate celebrates so passionately starts to celebrate its hundredth birthday.



There were giants in those days: director William Wyler; actors Dora Rogers, Mack Swain and Norma Shearer



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

PINCHY KOBI AND THE SEVEN DUPPIES The Posse makes a welcome return with another of its clever and ingeniously staged shows. This one is distantly inspired by *A Christmas Carol*: national tour follows
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until Nov 12 ⓢ

INTIMATE LETTERS Andras Schiff embarks on the final concert in his all too brief Schubert and Janacek series tonight. Ann Murray joins him for a first half of Schubert lieder, including the demanding 14-minute *Viola*. Philip Langridge closes the evening with Janacek's stunning *The Diary of One Who Disappeared*
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm ⓢ

WAR AND PEACE The Guildhall School of Music and Drama launches an ambitious project with the UK premiere of *War and Peace — Chapters from a Novel*, Mikhail Bulgakov's adaptation of Tolstoy's epic. All 27 students of the third year drama course, together with two exchange students from Russia and Italy, take the 115 parts in Bulgakov's play. Peter Clough directs
GSMD Silk Street, EC2. Tickets from the Barbican (as above) or at the door from 6.30pm (7pm start). Repeated Oct 27, 28, 31, Nov 1 and 2

ELSEWHERE

LEICESTER: Rashid Karapiet and Jamila Massey play conservative husband and adventurous wife in **The Life and Loves of Mr Patel**, described as a comedy about the older Asian people living in Britain. Over in the main house, this week is your last chance to see the Haymarket's 21st anniversary musical: Sondheim's **Follies** given in its original 1971 Broadway version
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Previews tonight, opens tomorrow, both 7.45pm. Until Nov 12

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Opening night for **Pentecost**, David Edgar's newest epic-for-our-time, set in an abandoned East European church: a newly discovered fresco provokes artistic, *religious and political* controversy. Michael Attenborough directs
Other Place (0789 295623). Tonight, 7pm then in rep ⓢ

POOLE: Richard Hickox opens tonight's **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** concert with Mozart's overture to *Don Giovanni*, follows on with Tippett's Piano Concerto and then re-sets the stage for Beethoven's *Symphony No 9 in D minor "Choral"*. With Lynne Dawson, Jean Rigby, John Mark Ainsley and Norman Bailey
Wessex Hall, Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222). Tonight, 7.30pm. ⓢ "Choral" is repeated Thurs in **Plymouth**, Pavilions ⓢ (0752 229922).

SHEFFIELD: John Nettles continues his role as Sir John Brute in Vanbrugh's restoration comedy, **The Provoked Wife**. Stuart Burge directs for the new Touring Partnership, with Rebecca Lacey, Pam Love, Katherine O'Toole and Paul Venables
Lyceum, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: Pre-Raphaelite Drawings, Chinese Teawares (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy**: The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Whistler, Clore Gallery (071-887 8000) ... **V & A**: Kalighat Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930; Nehru Gallery (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **COME GOOD RAIN** Astonishing account by George Seremba, a Ugandan dissident in the time of Obote and Amin, who survived execution and tells his story for those who did not
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm ⓢ

◪ **JOKING APART** Alan Ayckbourn's black comedy about a "golden couple" whose generosity has appalling consequences for their friends. A good revival by Robin Herford
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm. Final week ⓢ

□ ***MOSCOW STATIONS*** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm

□ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND** Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Wed 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm

■ **THE OFFICIAL TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS** "Jake" and "Elwood" give two hours of soul, blues and rhythm 'n' blues. Lights, noise, good voices, exhilarating stuff
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-369 1731). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat 6pm and 9pm. Final week

□ **ON APPROVAL** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is: a sophisticated, diverting but relatively sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm ⓢ

□ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical. Showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage: terrific island sets
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm, 8.45pm, mat Wed 3pm ⓢ

□ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE** Patricia Hodge plays the inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher in a revival of an old favourite. Alan Strachan directs
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm

□ **THE QUEEN AND I** Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Not as subversive as one might expect. Max Stafford Clark directs
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE SEAGULL** Judi Dench heads a splendid cast in Pam Gems's new version. Performances cast new light on several other characters
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm ⓢ

□ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Greenwich Theatre's production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE TEMPEST** Alec McCowen presides as Prospero and Simon Russell Beale's baleful Ariel marshalls the magic in Sam Mendes's striking production from last year's Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm. Last performances ⓢ

□ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE** David Suchet shows off well as he mugs and flounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . □ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) □ **The Winslow Boy**: Globe (071-494 5065) □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343)

8 SECONDS (PG): Unwanted biopic of a rodeo rider. The year's dullest film with Luke Perry and Stephen Baldwin.
MGMs: Fulham Road ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031)

L'ENFER (15): Jealousy rages in a provincial hotel. Uneven thriller from Claude Chabrol, with Emmanuele Beart and François Cluzet.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661)

LANCELOT DU LAC (PG): Robert Bresson strips the Arthurian legend bare in a minimalist masterpiece from 1974. With Luc Simon and Laura Duke Condominas.
Everyman ⓢ (071-435 1525)

ORPHEE: Jean Cocteau's mesmerising retelling of the Orpheus legend, revived in a new print. With *Jean Marais, Maria Casar*.
NFT (071-928 3232)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
Gate ⓢ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** ⓢ (0800 888997)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs.
MGM Trocadero ⓢ (071-434 0031)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Barbican ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Empire** ⓢ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Notting Hill Coronet** ⓢ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332)

GERONIMO (12): Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
Barbican ⓢ (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Trocadero** ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332)

THREESOME (18): Shallow but smart college comedy with good quips and attractive performances (Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin). Director, Andrew Fleming.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) ***Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)* **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343)

TO LIVE (12): Simple, enthralling family epic from leading Chinese director Zhang Yimou. With Ge You, Gong Li.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Hill** ⓢ (071-435 3366)

◆ **WAR OF THE BUTTONS** (PG): Child warfare in a small Irish community. Small, damp whimsy from producer David Puttnam, directed by newcomer John Roberts.
MGM Fulham Road ⓢ (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ⓢ (071-437 4343)

WOLF (15): Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols.
Odeon Mezzanine ⓢ (0426 915683)

THEATRE: Doug Lucie's new play fails to rediscover the agit-prop spirit of the Sixties

Washed-up debris of class war

DONALD COOPER



Mixed-up morality: Tim McInnerny and Julia Lane in Doug Lucie's *Gaucho* at the Hampstead Theatre

Gaucho
Hampstead

WHERE are the angry young men of yore? Old and blimpish, like Osborne. Terminally didactic, like Bond. Dead, like Mercer, or clapped-out, like others I could name. Moreover, nobody much emerged in the 1980s to take over their rusting flails and phials of flat sulphuric acid. Only the Doug Lucie of *Progress* and *Fashion* had the necessary bile and bite, and with the passing of Margaret Thatcher *something* went out of his work. In his last play, *Grace*, he turned his guns away from England and onto a disgracefully easy target: American gospellers and right-wing *evangelists*.

So there were times when I was filled with nostalgia by his *Gaucho*, a fierce, combative play that brings Anglophobia and class hatred back to the theatre. Especially at first, it had its sharp, sardonic moments, too. But gradually its lack of intelligence and moral depth became harder and harder to overlook. I am not saying that Lucie would join a British wing of Shining Path or the Khmer Rouge, were someone to form it; but a dopey Year-Oneism is now somewhere on his mental map.

Gaucho is *The Big Chill* rewritten for the loony left. At Declan Moss's plush Aegean pad several of his contemporaries gather from what seems to have been a remarkably louche year at Oxford: a public-school alcoholic called Spencer (Dominic Jephcott), his hapless ex-sexpot wife (Kate Fahy), a journo who seems also to have been everybody's mistress (Phyllis Logan).

They are not upset that their host is a drugs baron, for he deals only in the soft stuff. Perhaps some of their consciences would be more troubled if they joined us in watching Moss's wife, *a Romanian ex-prostitute (Julia Lane)*, get a visiting photographer to admit he is a government agent by biting his genitals. Or perhaps not, for the scene is not very plausible.

So who is the real baddie here? No, not Tim McInnerny's big, gangling Declan. Lucie does not pretend he is sweet, but still sees him mainly as an example of *alienation*. He worked for wicked MI6, saw through a devious Establishment and a selfish middle-class, got frustrated by the failure of the workers ("our best hope") to *establish their culture, and decided to* commit himself to an alternative system of values, shifting arms for the IRA and cannabis for everyone else: "creating a new world on the rubble" or somesuch.

Well, conceivably his behaviour would be justifiable if Lucie proved the provocation huge enough. But *England and Englishness are mainly* represented by Spencer, one of the most conveniently awful villains ever created. He is a racist Tory, a weak, snobbish, money-grubbing opportun*ist and would-be criminal, who seems* to exist to be hated and despised by everybody, starting with his own wife. Her amiable view is that he should *apologise to the company "for being you"*.

Why has she married him? Why does Moss pretend he is a friend and give him house-room? Here, else*where*, Lucie *is too busy pursuing his* own agenda to bother greatly with reality. If he were to argue for the end of capitalism on the basis of Scrooge McDuck, he would be at least as con*vincing, if not more so*.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

JAZZ: Out of the influences, an influential voice

British virtuoso a credit to his sax

Iain Ballamy
606 Club, SW10

WHEN, *ten years ago, saxophonist* Iain Ballamy first came to prominence in the jazz world at the age of 20, many observers saw him as a part of a new generation of British players who *seemed to take it* for granted that British jazz no longer had to prove itself against the American article.

Ballamy also attracted approving notices for the way in which, unlike a *large number of his contemporaries*, he steered well clear of the overwhelming stylistic influence of John Coltrane, preferring the gentler, more subdued approach associated with cult West *Coast tenorman Warne Marsh* or with Dave Brubeck's alto player, Paul Desmond. Both these qualities enabled Ballamy to make a crucial contribution to the anarchic, exuberant 21-piece big band Loose Tubes.

As a small-group player, although frequently fronting bands composed largely of Loose Tubes alumni such as keyboard player Django Bates and *drummer* Martin France, Ballamy avoided the rowdy eclecticism associated with the big band, instead producing music of restrained, but frequently rhapsodic, thoughtfulness, combining the intensely personal, contemplative sound associated with American tenor player Charles Lloyd with occasional bursts of more strident, even anthemic playing imbued with a controlled lyricism reminiscent of Norwegian saxophonist Jan Garbarek.

That Ballamy had fully absorbed his influences to create an individual sound was immediately clear on the release of *Balloon Man*, his first album as leader, but it is a later recording, *Meeting in Brooklyn*, where he featured alongside British pianist John Donaldson and a heavyweight American rhythm section, that signalled his arrival as a major saxophone voice.

Fronting a quartet comprising Donaldson, bassist Ricardo Dos Santos and drummer Tristan Mailliot in front of a highly appreciative audience at Chelsea's 606 Club, Ballamy began proceedings with a song from the latter album, Cole Porter's "All Of You". The wispy, warbling approach sounded a little tentative at first, but Ballamy soon dug into the tune's changes, even injecting the odd sour note into the piece, and concluding with his trademark impassioned flurries, beautifully complemented by Donaldson's crisp but fluent piano.

The relaxed informality of the basement club's atmosphere — the 606 is a popular venue with musicians, and spontaneous jam sessions often occur there — provided the quartet with a perfect environment for an hour of attractive, airy but intense music embracing compositions from American piano masters Bill Evans and Duke Ellington and concluding with a brisk rendition of "My Way" that somehow managed to inject fresh light into this most portentous of tunes. Although Ballamy claimed to be in shock as a result of having just played a gig under the beady eye of Ian Botham's waxwork at Madame Tussaud's, it did not show.

CHRIS PARKER

ROCK: Punk strikes a power pop chord

Let's go scurfin' USA

Green Day
Astoria, WC2

IT SHOULD come as no surprise that a band whose very name is a reference to marijuana and who espouse the spirit of punk should be warmly embraced by American college audiences. But it is not just Green Day's name and attitude that have made them one of the most spectacular success stories of the year — sales of their album *Dookie* are well past two million and still soaring.

The apparent overnight acceptance of this trio from San Francisco did, of course, have deep roots: before signing with a major record company — Warner Brothers — in the spring of last year they had toured incessantly behind their two independently released albums, *39/Smooth* and *Kerplunk*. But they have nimbly leapt the canyon between such small-time notoriety and an international audience, as well as providing one of the few moments of spontaneous rebellion at Woodstock 1994 with their mudbath skylarking.

Judging by the reception the band received at the Astoria, you would have thought that *Dookie* had been a Top Ten fixture in Britain as well as in America. The audience was word-perfect on the band's frequent trips into its past.

Their live schtick takes the form of comic-book prankishness laid over a series of hook-laden, three-minute productions that would have been thrown out of Britain's first coming of punk for being far too musical. It is worth remembering that middle America's idea of new wave, the first time around, was "My Sharona" by the Knack, and Green Day are more power pop than Pistols, much as lead singer and guitarist Billie Joe tries to hide it behind such resplendently repulsive behaviour as catching the audience's spit (and not in his hands).

All arguments about the labelling notwithstanding, Green Day make a mightily infectious noise, with the new single "Welcome to Paradise" and the last one "Basket Case" full of both fun and fire. Drummer Tre Cool's sortie to stage front ended with the audience being bombed with feathers and there was even an ironic verse and chorus of "Eye Of The Tiger".

Punk as cabaret: Malcolm McLaren will be wanting royalties.

PAUL SEXTON

ENTERTAINMENTS

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Israel is about to make its own idiosyncratic contribution to Manchester as a City of Drama. **Jeremy Kingston** reports

Performers from nearly 40 countries have sung, danced, acted, monologued, stood up and clowned, played their instruments and otherwise done their stuff this year in the venues of Manchester, City of Drama '94. Most of the countries have been represented by more than one company, but in only two instances has a country — or, in the case of Catalonia, a region — been given a mini-season of its own. Catalonia's theatre showed its rich variety in May, and starting next Monday it is the turn of Israel.

Not just in Manchester, but in Britain as a whole, we are profoundly unaware of the Israeli theatre's repertoire, its history, conditions of work, popularity and almost everything else about it. Habimah Theatre Company and Cameri Theatre, both of Tel Aviv, are known by repute; Nava Zuckerman's charismatic Tmu-Na Company has made several visits to Edinburgh, and her *Transit Hotel* — part Orpheus legend, part the memory of a terrorist attack — sounds a potent mixture.

But what can we expect of the Municipal Theatre of Haifa, which arrives with *Games in the Backyard*, a drama of teenage gang rape, and a remarkable *Waiting for Godot*; or the Gesher Company's award-winning production of Dostoevsky's *The Idiot*?

In the course of four days of travelling around Israel, I was able to glean some impressions of the present state of play and players there. First, though, a bit of history. Habimah, which means "the stage", was founded 70 years ago and remained untroubled by rivals for a generation. The company's oldest member, Shimon Finkel, joined in 1926 and still appears onstage, at the age of 89, when *The Wooden Dish* pops up in the repertoire.

Habimah's roots lay in Russian theatre, and in the 1950s a group of young actors rebelled against its aesthetic confines and founded Cameri. The word means "a chamber", and normally refers to a small one, although Cameri's present stage is larger than Habimah's. German accents now entered the style of performance, and other Western influences gradually percolated. It was said that you could only act with a Russian accent in Habimah and at last, with Cameri, an actor could have an Israeli accent and still be given a speaking part.

To establish an Israeli voice, literal and metaphorical, has been considered the duty of the country's theatre. Audiences expect it and practitioners want it: to find what it is to be an Israeli as something further than being Jewish.

Inevitably, the Israeli repertoire has no backlog of plays that record the issues and flavour of times long past, no equivalents to *Hobson's Choice* or *Hindle Wakes*, to give two Manchester examples. The playwrights of the state of Israel's first years set out to explore the problems of that period, and probably did so effectively for their contemporary audiences. Even David Ben-Gurion, the state's first prime minister and a man who apparently cared little for the arts, went to see *In the Negev Desert*, but it reads as far too simplistic a melodrama to appeal to modern tastes, even though melodrama remains a popular genre.

> "The duty of the country's theatre has been to establish an Israeli voice"

Today's repertoires at Habimah, Cameri and the Haifa Municipal are a mixture of foreign plays (from classics to farce) and new Israeli drama, but the impulse to establish a national voice sometimes means giving foreign work a precise Israeli relevance. Manchester will see an example of this in Ilan Ronen's production of *Godot*. Originally produced in 1984, during a period of stalemate in Israel-Palestinian conflict, Ronen's version imagines Samuel Beckett's tramps as two Palestinian construction workers who have ventured on to Pozzo's land. Pozzo speaks Hebrew, which the tramps use when addressing him; though they converse with each other in Arabic. The production is said to do no damage to Beckett's conception, except for the references to the Christian Resurrection, which Roden omits.

All Israeli productions are required to tour the country as part of the long-established programme of "Art for the People". Such a phrase sounds patronising in modern Britain — although it would not have been considered so in the years after 1945 — but in Israel the intention is once again to further the sense of nationhood. Sixty per cent of the population has local access to a theatre, and "local" means right in the neighbourhood, in schools and community halls.

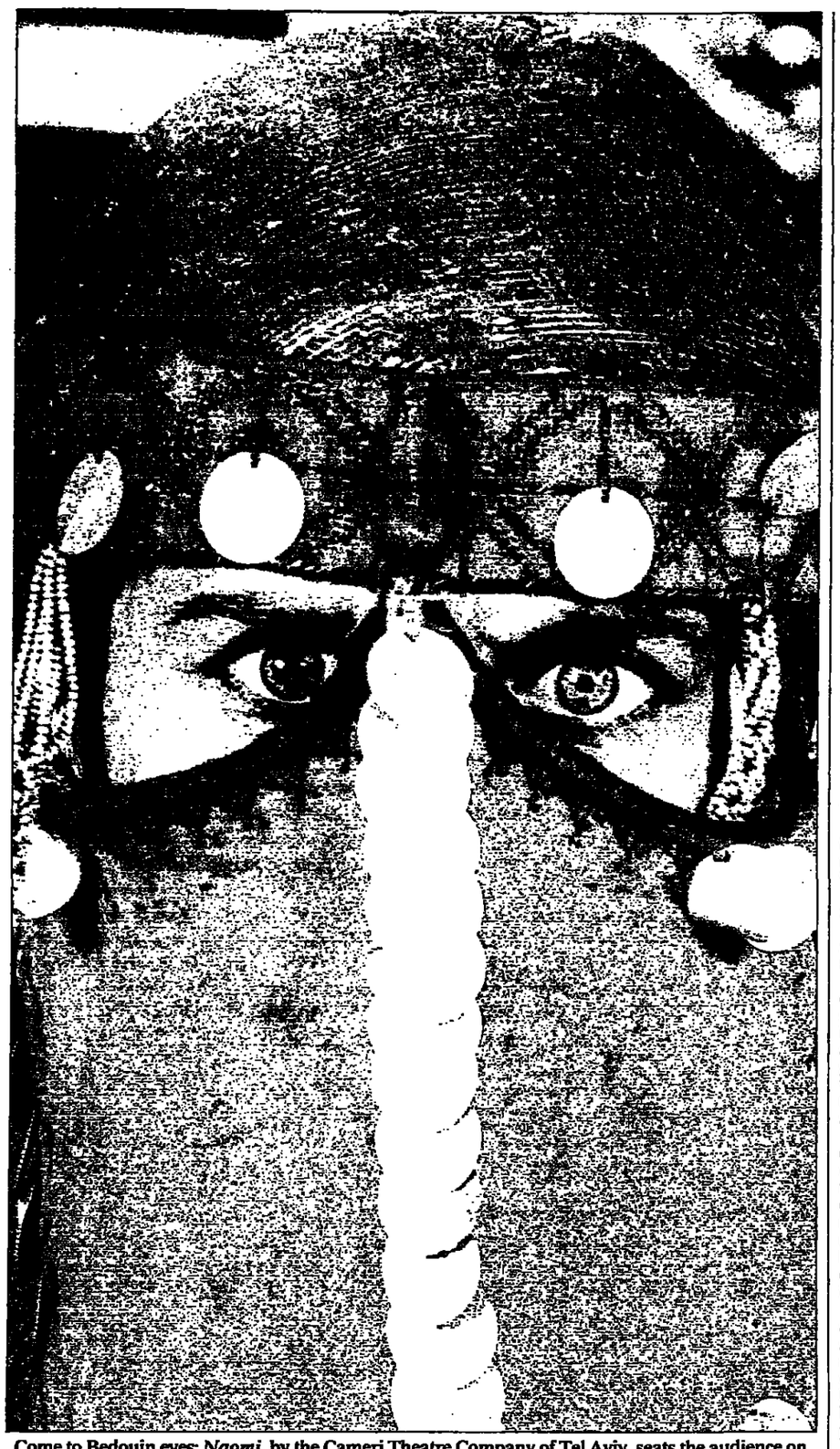
I went to Netanya, an hour's drive north of Tel Aviv, to see Edna Mazya's *Games in the Backyard* in a community centre surrounded by high-rise apartment blocks, an area much like the setting of her play. Inspired by a sensational case a few years ago, in which the teenage rapists were initially found not guilty, the performances generate tremendous tension, while the play itself, far from following the traditional pattern of trial dramas, is so written that the young cast switches between playing the teenagers and the counsels for defence and prosecution.

Two of the plays in the season are being performed in English and, for our further comfort, Cameri's *Naomi* takes place in a Bedouin tent where we can sit on cushions while watching Ruby Porat-Shovat's performance as a modern Bedouin woman uneasily assimilating Western values.

By a strange chance the history of the first company to arrive in Manchester, Gesher ("bridge") Theatre, recalls the beginnings of theatre in Israel. Formed by immigrants who left Russia after 1989, some of whom trained with the Mayakovsky Theatre in Moscow, the company set about learning Hebrew, successfully enough to take their first production, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, on a successful visit to New York.

Next Monday Manchester audiences will be able to see for themselves the company's "entirely original" approach to *The Idiot*, and in the fortnight that follows see four other productions, no less original, and representative of Israel's best.

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Come to Bedouin eyes: *Naomi*, by the Cameri Theatre Company of Tel Aviv, seats the audience on cushions as they follow the story of a nomad woman trying to come to terms with Western values

CONCERT

A mash of two cultures

Tokyo PO/Ono
Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow

THE best moment in the Tokyo Philharmonic's concert in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall came at an early stage in the first half. After a brief orchestral introduction, on the peremptorily percussive summons of an instrumentalist in traditional costume kneeling on the platform behind the cellos, the *shakuhachi* made its first entry, its voice emerging with almost verbal eloquence from somewhere in the auditorium.

Apart from that, the meeting of the two traditions in Masataka Matsuo's *Phonosphere I* — the bamboo flute and its kabuki-theatre companion with the modern orchestra — was not very fruitful. The composer explores the possibilities at some length but, after establishing in such an atmospheric way that they are poles apart, there is little else to be done.

At least the experience in that case was fresh. In Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* the experience was frustrating.

The Tokyo Philharmonic is clearly a well brought-up ensemble with some excellent instrumentalists, particularly among the woodwind principals; but unlike the NHK SO, which toured this country less than a month ago, it lacks style and personality.

With Kazushi Ono, whose often slow tempi need absolute rhythmic precision to redeem them, it sounds merely obedient. Not even Raphael Oleg, the brilliantly accomplished if underpowered soloist in Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2, could bring much positive influence to bear.

Indeed, he and Ono seemed as alien to each other as the *shakuhachi* and the symphony orchestra. It was not a matter of differences in idiom, however, so much as faulty balance and rhythmic incompatibility.

GERALD LARNER

BAROQUE OPERA: A romantic approach to Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Passion spilt across centuries

David et Jonathas
Christ Church, Spitalfields

COMPOSED in 1688, *David et Jonathas* is another feather in the operatic cap of Marc-Antoine Charpentier. Its emotional power was fully realised by the team that William Christie had assembled from advanced students of four European Conservatories for the Académie Baroque Européenne d'Ambronay (including our own Guildhall School). Together they took this semi-staged production to Geneva, Paris, Caen, The Hague, and Utrecht before landing in Hawksmoor's wonderful if still dilapidated Christ Church, Spitalfields, for a two-night run.

Christie knows exactly how to wrench the maximum dramatic impact from this music. He is an unabashed Romantic, seeing in it the same heart-rending emotions and sense of grandiosity that Wagner depicted. He is surely right. Time and again his performances convince one that Charpentier is surely at least the equal of his successor Rameau in terms of operatic expression.

While Pere Bretonneau's text flows naturally, it also skilfully builds great set-pieces, such as that for David's passionate soliloquy in Act I or for the dying Jonathas in the final act, raising the status of the character, for a while, above that of his lover. The subsequent desolation of David is frankly as moving a moment as I know in all opera, made the more so by the hollow chorus of victory and coronation that follows.

And the work neither doubts nor fusses about the passionate, physical nature of the relationship between the two men in this work, save for the curious fact that the role of Jonathas is assigned, more through theatrical convention than anything politically sinister, to a female singer. The opera is not about gay rights in the Baroque era, but about conflicting loyalties, about jealousy and suspicion of others destroying a loving relationship.



William Christie: extracts maximum dramatic impact

The two young singers I saw in these roles — the work was double-cast — plainly have a future in the world of Baroque music and beyond. Patricia Petibon's Jonathas was eagerly boyish, radiant at the reunion; she also conveyed well the confusion of total devotions to father and lover.

Otto Bouwknegt, as David, threw himself at the part, heart and soul and voice. He is that rare animal, a genuine *haut-contre* (high tenor), with stamina and passion to match.

Other major roles were well taken by Philippe Georges as Saul, Matthieu Lécroart as the Palestinian king Achis, Nicholas Hurndall Smith as a spittingly jealous Joabel and, in the prologue, Pedro Couri Neto as La Pythonisse. The chorus, very much a dynamic part of the action, was strong and firm.

All have lightish voices still in the making, but what impressed perhaps above all was the way that the director, Javier López Piñón, realised every singer's acting ability to the full, making the most of the limited space. Christie similarly empowered the excellent orchestra with the expressivity this great music demands.

STEPHEN PETTITT

DANCE: More from the Umbrella festival

Beauty and age go hand in hand

Matthew and Diana on Manoeuvres
Hackney Empire

POINTE shoes, traditionally the property of female dancers, look good on men too. Once you have got over the initial shock, you notice how they extend the line, especially on a sublimely legible, ballet-trained dancer such as Matthew Hawkins. Resplendent in green and orange and pink satin pointe shoes, he engulfed the stage of the Hackney Empire with stately bounds and broad turns.

The Hackney Empire is a perfect context for Hawkins and his Fresh Dances Group. The interior's extravagant profusion of Victorian red velvet and gilt is more or less intact. Tchaikovsky's inset oval-framed photo peers down from either side of the proscenium; while in the final part of *Matthew and Diana on Manoeuvres* (as part of Dance Umbrella) Hawkins and Diana Payne Myers performed a duet to Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien*. First presented last year, this was the only old component in a show which has since grown backwards, so to speak, from the end to the beginning.

Like pointe shoes and women, the accepted link between dance and youth receives a bashing. Payne Myers is in her late sixties, but Hawkins's skill as choreographer and her own as performer mean that at no point do you think "she should not be doing this". Once a dancer with Rambert, Payne Myers has suppleness, dexterity and arched ballet dancer's feet. Only in the evening's jokes does Myers's age become an issue; she is a splendid sport, arriving for the *Capriccio* duet in a black and crimson tutu with specs on the end of her nose, or allowing Hawkins to plonk her in a laundry bag, her head sticking out of the top like an ostrich's.

An exquisite trio of dancers moves in caterpillar formation, evolving slow, low-arching patterns, somersaults, for example, alternating with deep *fondu* arabesques. The choreography for Hawkins and Payne Myers is more ambivalent, poised in a wonderful, delicate equilibrium not only between the classical and the demotic but also between beauty and irony. Modern tilts and swerves are woven with brisés and attitudes, everyday walks and crouches with balletic clichés such as Payne Myers's sideways exit like a swan. You laugh and yet you also recognise the lovely intrinsic geometry of the movement.

Hawkins, an ambiguous vision in high heels, dances a solo to Steve Smith's playing on guitar of *Scapin* by Roel van Oosten: "A piece of contemporary music I'm very dubious about," Hawkins says in one of many tongue-in-cheek verbal interjections. *Matthew and Diana on Manoeuvres* is a show about a show, with all the fragmentary structure and self-analytical commentary that choreographers now go for — except that Hawkins keeps it fresh, surprising and fun.

Extras of all ages, shapes and sizes make a brief entry as "powers that be". Pearl, cult designer and Hawkins's long-term collaborator, does not disappoint with his costumes, even if his contribution is less extensive than on previous occasions. Hawkins also has a cult following, but with his talent and intelligence he deserves wider recognition.

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FOCUS

PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT

Plans for pensions protection

New solvency requirements will force changes in the pension fund market, says **Lindsay Cook**

It is almost three years since Robert Maxwell's death and the subsequent discovery that he *had plundered his pension* funds of more than £400 million set in train a total revision of the pensions industry. The Queen's Speech next month — almost on the anniversary of Maxwell's death — is expected to include legislation to protect pension fund members. But any measures are likely to take a long time to be implemented.

Meanwhile, the debate goes on as to who should appoint trustees, whether independent trustees are a necessity, if a statutory pensions regulator is needed and who owns pension fund surpluses. The need for change has been well-established by a Commons Select Committee, endless industry reports, the Goode Committee and the Pensions White Paper. Added to this there have been emotional demonstrations by pensioners robbed of retirement income.

However, the vast majority of pension funds are run honestly and diligently and the new legislation when it arrives will make sure that *those that are not will be paid* for by the industry through a compensation fund rather than by the pensioners.

Of greater importance to pension fund managers and to the scheme members is the proposed solvency requirements. These will force a change in the investment policy of funds from equities to fixed interest instruments. The greater the number of people nearing retirement in a pension scheme then the greater the emphasis will have to be on safer investments.

Companies will be obliged to have the solvency of their pension funds checked every year to make sure they are above the 90 per cent solvency margin. Under the proposals those final salary schemes that fall below, because of a dramatic lurch in share prices, will be given three months to fund the pension back up to the 90 per cent level. This could involve a company with a £1 billion pension fund having to top it up with £100 million within three months.

Such legislation is likely to *encourage employers to move* from promising the benefits of a final salary scheme to all their staff to converting their pension schemes to money purchase ones. These promise merely to pay so much of the employees' salary into the scheme each year. The individual pots of money are then at the mercy of the markets and *will involve no risk of shortfall* and topping up for the companies concerned.

These schemes are not always popular but the employees do not usually have a choice. When Nationwide Building Society announced earlier this month that it was selling its surveying and estate agency businesses to Hambro Countrywide, the staff were upset to find they were moving from a final salary scheme into one in which the building society paid up to 13 per cent of *their income into the scheme* and guaranteed to pay a fixed proportion of their final salaries for every year of service on retirement.

The Hambro Countrywide scheme is more typical of funds set up in recent years. It pays up to 8 per cent of salary and staff pay in some more. The money is invested at the mercy of the vagaries of the market and manager expertise. Such schemes were designed for the changing world of employment: after the criti*cism of poor deals in the 1980s*, staff expect to move from one company to another without serious erosion through actuarially-cautious transfer values. The industry is also being muddied at the moment with the investigation into the selling of personal pensions to people in good occupational schemes.

In the meantime the industry needs to sell itself to employees. It has a tremendous record of managing billions of pounds safely and *looking after the families of* employees who die in service. Large numbers of employees are shying away from company pension schemes and literally turning away thousands of pounds worth of benefits a year.



Robert Maxwell: His £400m pension fund fraud has resulted in new legislation

The role of the industry's Regulator is under review

Adding the cost of asset security

Government measures to provide protection for members and pensioners of occupational pension schemes will probably be the emphasis of the Queen's speech next month.

Shortly afterwards, the Government will almost certainly publish the Social Security Bill. This Bill will occupy most of the time in the 1994/95 session of Parliament, containing measures to equalise State pension ages, bring about age-related rebates as well as legislate for widespread changes in occupation pension schemes to bring about security and ease administration.

However, the measures in that part of the Bill providing protection are likely in many places to be weaker than the original proposals in the White Paper and much weaker than the recommendations of the Pension Law Review Committee contained in the Goode Report.

Peter Lilley, true to his word when publishing the White Paper, has not only consulted widely among employers and the pension industry, but has listened to the views put forward, particularly from employer organisations, the pension industry and the professional bodies. And the Government has accepted many of the proposals in those views.

All security measures cost money, whatever the industry involved, and pensions are no exception. As such, the main thrust of the views from em*ployers and the pension's in*dustry has been to limit the additional costs which would be imposed on pension schemes without significantly reducing security provided.

The two proposals on which views have been expressed are the minimum solvency requirement and the role of the Regulator. The Goode Report *recommended a strong mini*mum solvency requirement, which effectively would have required schemes to be able to provide for accrued benefits on liquidation at any time (see article on page 43).

The actuarial profession argues for a less stringent basis — essentially valuing schemes for solvency on an ongoing basis rather than an immediate liquidation basis. Its views were accepted by the Government and incorporated in the White Paper.



Dewar: tougher measures

But actuarial pressure has not ended with this acceptance. It has further argued that the asset valuation should be based on market values averaged over a period rather than on the day of the valuation — reflecting the fact that actuaries rarely use market values in their valuations. The Government has accepted this argument.

Paul Greenwood, chairman of the Pension Schemes Committee of the Association of Consulting Actuaries, is disappointed that the Government *has, as yet, not relaxed the* short periods which schemes have to make up any deficits in the minimum solvency basis. The pensions industry wants years rather than months to correct the position.

The views on the Regulator and the Regulatory Board are that its role should be primarily that of a troubleshooter. It is argued that the first tier of the regulatory system *should be* the trustees and the advisers, who would report their concerns over any irregularities to the Regulator and then the *Regulator would investigate.*

Mr Greenwood points out that if the Regulator acts as both fire preventer as well as firefighter, investigating schemes on a regular basis, then it would duplicate the work of the advisers as well as requiring an army of investigators and back-up staff to deal with the huge number — up to *200,000 — of schemes.* The cost would be enormous. It is expected that the Bill and the accompanying Regulations will be very specific on the conditions when advisers must report to the Regulator.

The envisaged timetable is for the Bill to become law by July 1995 and for the Regulations to be in place by April *1996, so that the pensions* industry has 12 months to set up the necessary systems. The Regulator and Board can be established and the Compensation Scheme ready for the start of the protection measures in April 1997.

So discussions will continue for some months yet. And many commentators have overlooked the significance of April 1997. It is the last time before the present Government has to hold a general election.

Donald Dewar, Labour's spokesman on social security, wants far tougher measures — including minimum funding standards instead of minimum solvency, at least 50 per cent member trustees and an all-powerful Regulator with draconian powers. He argues that advisers cannot be expected to regulate the scheme they advise. *Nothing should be* taken for granted in the forthcoming Social Security Bill. A general election could put everything back into the melting pot.

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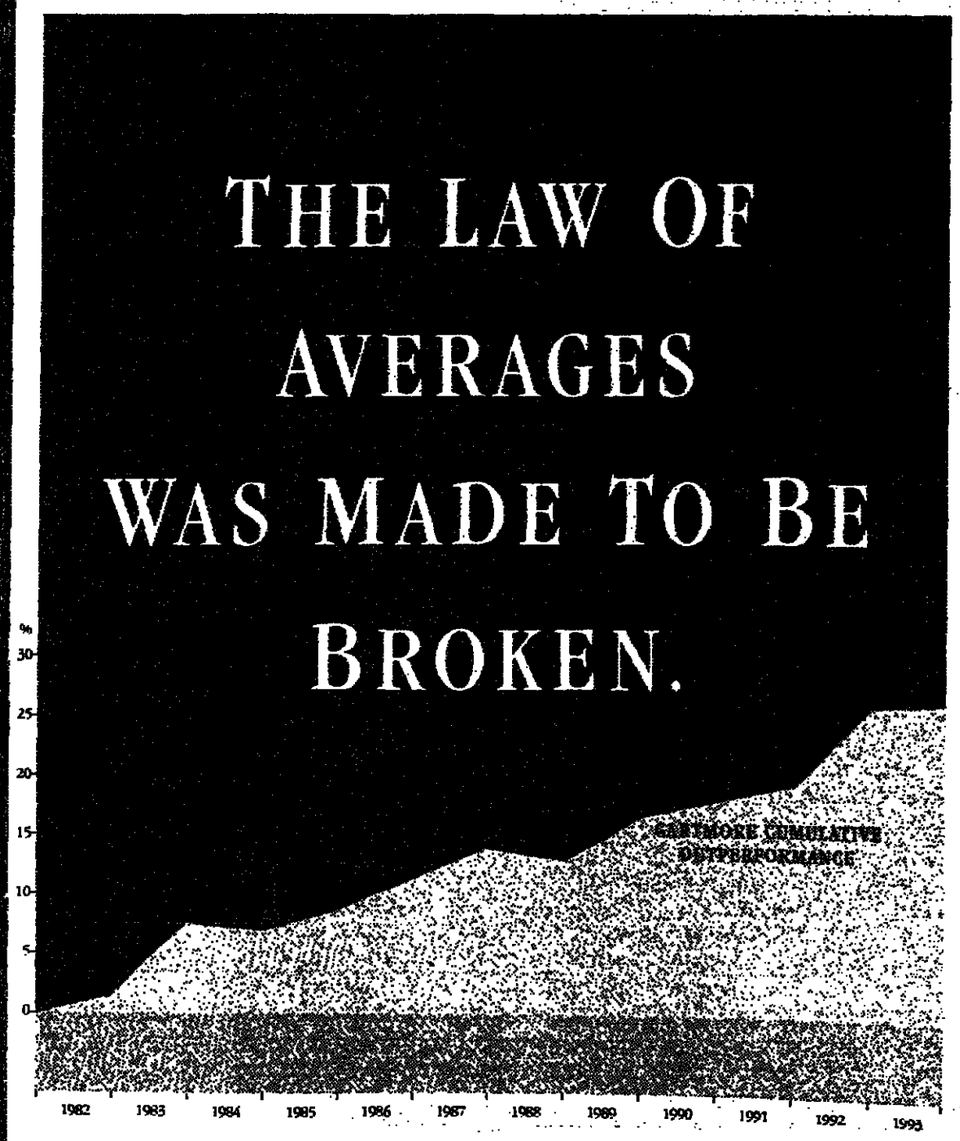
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Equal rights to the end

Stephanie Hawthorne gives the pros and cons of the European ruling on pensions


FRANK BRADFORD

Women workers, both full-time and part-time, will now be thinking again about their pensions and retirement age

Equal pay for equal work is finally to be applied to pensions. Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome requires that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work. On May 17, 1990, in the famous *Barber* case, the European Court of Justice held that a pension from an occupational pensions scheme was to be considered as pay for the purposes of Article 119.

But many questions of equality were left unanswered until the landmark day of September 28, 1994 when the European Court of Justice gave judgement on six cases, *Coloroll* being the most well known. These decisions are of crucial importance as 40 per cent of UK pension schemes have still to equalise benefits and introduce a common pension age for men and women. Actuaries estimate the verdicts are likely to cost UK employers £7 billion in costs.

Despite concessions to part-timers, women have lost out on their favoured position: they must now work five years longer in order to qualify for their full pension. If women choose not to work the extra five years to 65, they will be taking early retirement, as would men, under the new rules — with the reduced benefits that this brings (see case study from Sedgwick Noble Lowndes).

There are other anomalies: trustees must comply with Article 119 when the scheme is being wound up. This may result in men receiving additional windfall benefits at women's expense. An exception for schemes in deficit would have avoided this.

However, many part-timers (mainly women) could receive an unexpected windfall. Only 13 per cent of Britain's 4.5 million part-timers are currently members of a company pension scheme as against 46 per cent of full-timers.

If part-timers were excluded from non-contributory schemes, often run by banks, finance and insurance companies, they will now be entitled to 18 years of missing contributions. But even where there is a contributory scheme, part-timers should not be put off claiming their new rights. Paying, even with a loan, up to 10 years of missing contributions may be worthwhile because the pensions pot at age 65 may be worth a lot more than the loan.

Equal Opportunities Commission chairwoman, Kamlesh Bahl, emphasises that "many part-time workers have been automatically excluded from company pension schemes in the past as they were seen as marginal to the workforce. This does not, however, reflect the reality of their contribution to the economy or that part-time working is forecast to increase."

Not everybody is happy with the decision. Ron Amy, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, points out that "the European Court is imposing today's social standards on decisions which employers originally took in good faith."

Some claim that this ruling may inhibit the recruitment of part-timers, as they would be expensive to administer in a pension scheme with their all-too-frequent short-stay and varying hours. But Marks & Spencer, accepting part-time scheme members since 1979, has not experienced any such problems, according to Elaine Tinker, one of its pension scheme administrators.

On a wider note, Robbie Gilbert, the Confederation of British Industry's director of employment affairs, says: "There are practical as well as cost implications here, with the prospect of employers having to cope with three different regimes in respect of each employee: one covering the years before the *Barber* judgment, another for service once equal arrangements are in place and a third for the period in between."

There are also problems in the area of defined-contribution or money-purchase schemes run by insurance companies. Liz Clark, pensions actuary for Scottish Mutual, states that "the ruling that additional voluntary contributions do not need to be equalised is unfortunately given entirely in the context of defined benefit schemes."

Such is the complexity of the judgments that the only certain winners will be pension lawyers and consulting actuaries who will face an avalanche of work!

● *The author is the editor of* Pensions World

WHAT EFFECT HAS THE JUDGMENT HAD?

Case Study: Female retirement pension before and after the ECJ judgment

Female salary of £18,000 in a 60ths pension scheme (ie a scheme which pays 1/60 each year of a final salary for every year worked). She has completed 10 years' service and has 20 more years to work.

Before judgment

Expected pension 30/60 x £18,000 = £9,000 at the age of 60.
She will receive an annual pension of £9,000 payable from 60

After judgment

She must now work until 65 to get the same level of pension. If she still wants to retire at 60, it will, as with a man, be classed as "early" retirement. Her benefits, therefore, could be reduced by about 20 per cent.

10/60 x £18,000	£3,000*
20/60 x £18,000 x 80 per cent	£4,800
	£7,800

Her pension at the age of 60 is now £7,800 — a reduction of 13.3 per cent.

** Amount guaranteed from her first ten years' of employment, ie before equalisation.*
Source: Sedgwick Noble Lowndes

EUROPEAN COURT

What do its judgments mean to you?

Trustees of pension schemes are bound by Article 119 and members, or their dependants, can bring claims directly against them:

- Employers and trustees are bound to use all means available, under national law, to eliminate discrimination.
- Between May 17, 1990 and the date of equalisation, benefits must be calculated at the level of the advantaged sex. Afterwards, benefits for the advantaged sex can be lowered to achieve equality.
- A deficit is no exuse for not equalising a pension scheme.
- Non-service related benefits, such as fixed lump-sum payments on death, must be paid at the same level for both sexes if payment is triggered by a post *Barber* event.
- Sex-based actuarial factors are permitted. Therefore, transfer values, commutation factors and early retirement reduction factors can be different for men and women.
- Benefits attributable to additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) can be different.
- A scheme that has received a transfer payment from a scheme that has not equalised becomes liable to increase the benefits it undertook to pay to compensate for the discrimination suffered under the original scheme.
- Part-timers, had the right since 1976 to join their pension scheme.

**Source: McKenna & Co*

The Government is wrong to stop short of compulsion

Trustees in line for professional training

Trustees will have the sole responsibility for running and managing occupational pension systems. The Government's proposals, following the Goode Report recommendations, not only retain the trust status of occupational pension schemes, but list the main responsibilities of trustees in respect of their schemes.

Above all, the Government proposals, if put into legislation, would remove the employer from directly running the scheme and make the trustees solely responsible for all aspects of pension scheme management. In a nutshell, trustees are being given professional responsibilities somewhat akin to those of a company board of directors. This was the supposed position of trustees under trust law, but the role was never defined. Now it will be.

The trustee should be fully responsible and know what he or she is doing from day one, not one year after the appointment. Being a trustee never was a sinecure, but now it is no place for an amateur approach. To fulfil those professional responsibilities, trustees need training before taking on their role and some form of testing to ensure that they both understand their responsibilities and are capable of fulfilling them.

Yet the Government is not proposing to make it a legal requirement that trustees undergo some kind of formal training, let alone pass some form of test. The basic problems are: what sort of training should be given, who should give it, and what testing should trustees undergo?

Trust law allows trustees to delegate the operation of particular aspects of their scheme to experts: actuaries, lawyers, accountants, investment managers and administrators. Indeed, the Financial Services Act does not allow trustees to manage the investments of the scheme unless they are authorised. However, trustees cannot delegate their overall responsibilities and this situation will be clarified under the proposed legislation.

So to fulfil their responsibilities effectively, they need a working knowledge of how their pension scheme operates and the environment in which it operates. But they do not need in-depth expert knowledge on each aspect. They need sufficient knowledge to understand the functions of each expert so that they are able to analyse the operations/reports of each expert and to ask the relevant questions concerning their work.

In summary, trustees need to know and understand such matters as the social security and taxation environment in which the schemes operate.



John Botting: individuals should not be left to decide

Training should be in two parts: first in the general pensions scheme, and secondly in the particular features of their own scheme — no two occupational schemes are exactly the same.

Training in the general requirements of trustees can be given collectively. Many organisations run such training schemes — the consulting actuarial firms and employee benefit companies, trade unions, the National Association of Pension Funds, the Industrial Relation Services.

As with most forms of training, its effectiveness can be tested only through some form of examination. The Pensions Management Institute now offers an examination for a Trustee Certificate.

John Botting, chairman of the Trustee Sub-Committee, considers that the coverage of the examination reflects the requirement of trustees — a basic knowledge spread over a variety of subjects — and that the certificate is proof that trustees have the background knowledge to fulfil their duties. To date, the PMI finds that most courses are adequate for candidates to pass the examination.

Training on the particular features of a scheme can only be done in-house — leading to the anomalous situation of the administrator teaching the people to whom he or she is responsible. But there is no viable alternative.

The Government and Professor Goode ducked the question of making training compulsory on logistical grounds — the courses available would not be able to cope with the numbers of persons needing training.

Under the present system member trustees on appointment admit their ignorance and are usually very keen to learn. And they play their part fully in their role as trustees. Company appointed trustees, on the other hand, being senior management, invariably consider that they already know all that needs to be known. As a result it takes time before they can be effective and positive.

But it cannot be left to individuals to decide whether or not they need training. Mr Botting reflects the industry's views when he urges the Government to reconsider.

It would be logical for the training and testing of trustees to fall within the responsibilities of the proposed Regulatory Board. It should define the syllabus for training, approve the training courses on offer and arrange for the testing. In this way trustees can be helped to fulfil the onerous responsibilities being thrust upon them.

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Correction

The Ironbridge near Telford, Shropshire, was designed by Pritchard and built by Darby, not by Brunel as stated in yesterday's Focus (page 22).

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Behind the smoke screen: five-year winners and losers

Which funds do best? Can a manager beat a computer?

Stephanie Hawthorne unpicks the performance figures

The spirit of *glasnost* has yet to reach the world of pension fund management. Not surprisingly, when billions are at stake, some investment houses, including the biggest of them all, Mercury Asset Management, are notoriously sensitive about releasing figures.

Pension fund investment is usually either:

● **Segregated:** Where a firm's pension fund (usually a large one) is managed separately to all other funds with its own investment policy or:

● **Pooled:** Here, a firm's pension monies are lumped together with others to share economies of scale and a common investment policy — the investment bargain basement.

Comprehensive and up-to-date statistics on managers of segregated funds are hard to find. But too much reliance should not be placed on statistics: the chance of an above-average manager in one five-year period repeating that feat in the next five-year period is only marginally better than selection by a pin.

However, raw statistics can be used as a pointer to a firm's strengths and weaknesses. Hymans Robertson, the investment consultant, has revealed the top *ten performing segregated funds* measured over the year to 1993 — the last complete year available — as Table 1 shows.

Shedding a little more light on the matter, statistics from *Pensions World* show that returns from these funds would have been in excess of 30 per cent. Over five years to end 1993 — a more reliable guide — the picture is slightly different. Again only the top 11 (two managers tied) names, alphabetically listed without precise rankings, are shown in Table 2.

Pensions World statistics show that these would have averaged an annual return in excess of 17 per cent. Some of those who did well over five years have picked up new business in 1993 — notably, Gartmore and PDFM — over £2 billion each. A few others also scooped up valuable new assets: Baillie Gifford (£763m), Baring, (£677m), Morgan Grenfell (£394m), Newton (£485m) and Panagora (£575m).

The four largest players in the segregated fund business, as Table 3 shows, are Mercury, PDFM, Schroder and Gartmore, all with the excellent five-year record which the pensions industry values so highly. They dominate the market but will their pre-eminence last? George Henshilwood, of *Hymans Robertson*, reckons "they are limited by the fund managers they can put forward as most of their senior managers are fully committed. Trustees like to see a few grey hairs."

On the pooled side there have been turbulent waters. Baillie Gifford, Gartmore, Newton and PDFM again won substantial amounts of new money. Clerical Medical gained £113 million while Legal & General's pooled funds were boosted by £1.22 billion. In comparison, *Pensions World* indicates that Scottish Widows, the largest player in the pooled market, lost £38 million of business.

Increasing amounts of business are being picked up by the non-life houses which, as Table 4 reveals, fill eight out of the top ten slots for five-year performance. Indeed, the market share of insurance companies is falling to 7% per cent of total pooled funds as at June 30, 1994, down from over 90 per cent three years earlier.

David Holding, investment consultant, WS Corroon, believes that "the clever and successful segregated investment houses know that if they want to grow their client base, they can't pick up another 30 segregated funds but they can easily pick up 30 pooled funds."

A third choice is linking the performance of a fund to movements of a stock exchange index. Some 10 per cent of UK pension fund assets is now indexed, almost all by two managers, BZW and Legal & General. This compares to 30 per cent in the US. Over periods of five years and upwards the average manager has under-performed the computer. Indeed only one in four investment managers consistently beats it and index tracking is cheap. So it may be a case of splitting your portfolio for best results.

1 & 2: BEST PERFORMING MANAGERS

For one year to 31/12/93	Over five years to 31/12/93
Clerical Medical	Baillie Gifford
CU Morley	Baring
Fidelity	Clerical Medical
Guinness Flight	CU Morley
M & G	Gartmore
Newton	GT Mercury
Queen Anne's Gate	M & G
Schroder	Newton
Scottish Amicable	PDFM
Sun Life.	Schroder

(1) Alphabetical order, precise rankings not available. (2) Table based on house performance figures for external segregated balanced UK pension funds as quoted by the managers. (3) Managers with less than five funds in this sample at the start of the period have been excluded. Source: Hymans Robertson

3: BIGGEST MANAGERS

Manager	£ million
Mercury	40,820
PDFM	31,088
Schroder	28,880
Gartmore	15,958
BZW	12,485
Prudential	8,708
Baring	8,559
Fleming	7,744
Morgan Grenfell	6,794
Baillie Gifford	5,132

As at 31/12/93
Source: Hymans Robertson

Top 10 Managers	% per annum
1 Glasgow Investment Managers	22.9
2 Morgan Grenfell Managers	15.1
3 Abbey Life	14.7
4 Providence Capitol	14.1
5 Hill Samuel Ulms	12.3
6 Scottish Amicable	12.1
7 Sun Alliance	11.7
8 Mercury Life	11.5
9 Martin Currie U.T.	11.4
10 Royal Life	10.9

Top 10 Managers	% per annum
1 Glasgow Investment Managers	15.5
2 Albert E Sharp	14.4
3 Schroders V.T.	12.8
4 Morgan Grenfell MFS	12.3
5 Mercury MFS	12.1
6 Britannia Life	11.9
7 Newton Exempt Fund	11.9
8 National Mutual Life	11.8
9 Baillie Gifford MEF	11.7
10 Gartmore Long Term Bal	11.6

Last, one year, and right, five years, to 30/6/94. Source: CAPS — Investment Performance Measurement. Quarterly Survey of UK Pooled Pension Funds

Picking the compensation prizes

Eric Short explains how the proposed compensation scheme would work



Ron Amy accepts the need for the scheme but insists it must be the ultimate safety net

It took the Maxwell saga to bring home to the pension industry one obvious weakness in company-run pension schemes. If there are insufficient assets in a pension fund, and the company *cannot, or will not, make* up the deficit, then payment of pensions is put into jeopardy.

The remedies proposed to protect pensioners and members from being left with inadequate pensions because of the actions of their employers are the imposition of a minimum solvency standard, obligations on advisers to blow the whistle on schemes which appear to be running into problems, and a compensation scheme.

The proposed compensation scheme, to be administered by the pensions ombudsman, would cover up to 90 per cent of any losses incurred in the fund through theft, fraud or misappropriation. The compensation payments would be funded by a levy on all pension schemes.

The precise form of the levy is still being discussed, but it would be based on some form of payment per member/ pensioner, and the discussion centres primarily on whether deferred pensioners should be included in the per head basis.

The compensation scheme means that the good and the honest will be paying for the misdemeanours of the bad and dishonest — the inherent feature of any compensation scheme, but still a factor that initially caused some disquiet.

Ron Amy, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, said that his members accepted the need for a compensation scheme and that they would be funding the compensation payments. However, he was emphatic that the scheme had to be the ultimate safety net — the last link in a chain of protective measures, to be invoked only when all else had failed to stop a scheme becoming insolvent.

For the scheme to be effective, payments to pensioners must start as soon as there are definite indications that something is amiss and pension *payments are in jeopardy. It* cannot wait until it has been proven, in law, that there has been theft, fraud or misappropriation which may take years to establish.

As such, the administrators of the compensation scheme will have powers to make interim payments and to borrow to do so, without having to wait until it has cash from making a levy on pension schemes. The levies can be made later.

Even so, the operations of the compensation scheme must not become tangled up in bureaucracy and red tape. In the Maxwell case, the pension fund had insufficient assets because they had been stolen. The pensioners and members of the funds would have been protected had there been a compensation scheme.

> 'The good and the honest will pay for the misdemeanours of the bad and dishonest'

Members and pensioners would also be protected if the assets were insufficient because the employer failed to pay over the members' and the company contributions to the scheme: a feature that is more widespread, as a result of the recession, than theft of assets. This would be counted as misappropriation.

But what happens to pensioners and members of a scheme which has insufficient assets because it is underfunded, either because contributions have been insufficient and/or investment performance has been poor?

Such deficits will be a charge on the assets of the company. But if the company is in liquidation and has insufficient assets to meet its creditors, what then? The compensation scheme will not make up the deficits.

Both the Government and the pensions industry are confident that with the minimum solvency requirement, and the obligation of the scheme advisers to report any inadequacies in the scheme to the Regulator as soon as anything looks amiss, schemes will not be in an unfunded position if they are wound up.

But plans such as this rarely survive intact when they make contact with the real world. Conditions within a scheme can deteriorate between actuarial check-ups, and the watered-down minimum solvency requirement has little margin for error or adverse contingencies.

Mr Amy accepts that this could happen in practice, but feels any underfunding would not be large and reductions in benefits would be minimal. He considers that the alternative of extending the compensation scheme to cover insolvency through underfunding, which was sought by certain people to provide complete protection to members and pensioners, would be an open invitation to companies to underfund their pension schemes.

The NAPF found that most pension schemes were prepared to accept, with reluctance, a compensation scheme covering losses by theft, fraud or misappropriation, and pay for such a scheme, provided there were other measures to minimise the risk of such events.

But they were opposed to a compensation scheme which provided blanket cover against loss, no matter what other measures were introduced to minimise such losses. So no one within the pension industry is prepared to consider, let alone comment on, what will be the reaction when a scheme is wound up with insufficient assets and members and pensioners are not protected by the scheme.

If this does happen, there will need to be a complete rethink on protection for pensioners — stronger solvency requirements, such as a minimum funding rate advocated by the trade unions, and wider protection from the compensation scheme.

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A safety net, but at a cost

The new MSR will give security to members and a headache to fund trustees

MARTIN BEDDALL



Andrew Collins: the MSR offers greater security, but not an absolute guarantee

On June 23 this year the Government published its White Paper on pension scheme reform. One of the most contentious proposals has been the introduction of a minimum solvency requirement (MSR).

The Government considers an MSR to be necessary to enhance the security of members' accrued rights by ensuring they are sufficiently funded. Employers, however, fear that it will lead to an increase in the cost of providing the benefits.

So why have a minimum solvency requirement? Many employees belong to pension schemes run by their employers. Usually in exchange for contributions from members (some schemes are non-contributory) the employer will promise to provide the employee with a pension on retirement which will depend on the employee's length of service and his remuneration close to retirement.

To avoid causing undue cashflow problems for employers, *these promises* are met by paying contributions into the scheme regularly during the employee's service. This is not generally compulsory. If an employer decides to pay nothing towards an employee's pension and goes out of business before the employee retires, the employee will receive nothing. If insufficient [illegible] available, employees w[illegible] promised benefits reduced.

The MSR is designed to ensure that an employer pays enough contributions into a funded scheme to provide the employees with the benefits he has promised them. The main problem with an MSR is the conflict between the long-term aims of the pension fund and the short-term need to maintain solvency. It is essential to get the funding plan right, but pension funds often have a substantial holding in the volatile UK equity market.

Viewed over a period of five or more years these daily fluctuations are generally smoothed out. But the MSR requires the company to meet the minimum liability once a year. Herein lies the trustees' dilemma. Although the scheme's assets vary from day to day, trustees still need to adopt a funding plan and investment policy to achieve a long-term objective.

It can be likened to flying a plane low across Britain but having to avoid the hills. You know where you are going but may have to spend too much time looking at the ground.

To avoid this, trustees should adopt funding plans which will ensure the MSR is always met — in effect, to fly the aeroplane higher so that the hills become less relevant.

The MSR aims to provide pension fund members with the secure knowledge that they will receive the benefits promised by their employers. This security, however, will not be absolute.

The MSR represents the value of the member's benefits in the scheme. This is the amount of the transfer value which the member could transfer to another scheme or personal pension. This value reflects the long-term funding policy of the trustees. As mentioned above, this is often in conflict with the cost of securing the benefits in the short-term.

To provide complete security — in other words, to be virtually certain that the benefits will be paid — they must be guaranteed by an insurance company or similar funding, and solvency standards need to be adopted by the scheme.

Unfortunately the solvency requirements of insurance companies and the cost of a fixed guarantee mean that the premium required to secure given benefits is much larger than the MSR liabilities.

This could mean that trustees report to members for a number of years that the scheme has sufficient funds (based on the MSR) to meet the promised benefits, yet the trustees find that they have insufficient funds to secure the members' benefits in full with an insurance company if the scheme is wound up.

The MSR is a compromise between offering absolute security to members and ensuring that employers are not discouraged from providing schemes at all. It is important that members are clearly told — and understand — what they are being offered, which is greater security than at present, but not an absolute guarantee.

ANDREW COLLINS

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Weld faces anxious wait after injury setback to Cup hope

Infection is threat to Vintage Crop

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN MELBOURNE

THE neatness of the 14 stitches required to knit together three gaping wounds on the upper reaches of Vintage Crop's front right leg could not disguise the ugliness of the freak injury. But only time will tell if the veterinary handiwork is hiding something far more sinister underneath.

In a land whose heat and humidity nurtures an Aladdin's Cave of bugs and germs, infection is the fear. Dermot Weld will know the worst — or best — about his champion's chances of lining up for Tuesday's Melbourne Cup in the next 48 hours following a ridiculous accident yesterday that was waiting to happen.

"It is a question of healing the wound without infection developing. If infection develops he won't run. He will go on antibiotics and we will get him right and send him home. If we are lucky and the healing develops perfectly and the cuts stay clean, he has a good shot at making the race," Weld said.

The impact of Vintage Crop's setback is hard to overestimate in a country hooked on horses. Helicopters with television crews swooped from the sky into Sandown Park racecourse, on the outskirts of Melbourne, within minutes of Vintage Crop impaling himself on the jagged edge of an unprotected running rail. By midday, the setback to the Cup favourite was front-page news and veterinarians were being hauled into radio news studios to prognosticate.

Yet the drama was all so unnecessary and so avoidable. As Weld chatted with the handful of Australian and British racing journalists who made the dawn run to the racetrack, Vintage Crop emerged from his quarantine yard, sited near the grandstand, for his first proper work-out.

In the hands of his usual work rider, Dave Phillips, and looking quite magnificent, he walked across the public enclosure before coming to a narrow entrance, with a guard rail on either side, leading to the members' car park and the track itself.

Suddenly Vintage Crop became upset, apparently due to some scraps of papers swirling in the fresh northerly breeze, and he spun round and gouged himself on one end of the unprotected aluminium guard rail. Within minutes, the protective padding that should have been on the rail was there, as if to advertise its absence earlier.

The damage had been done, although it became apparent only some minutes later, almost in slow motion. Vintage Crop continued on to the racecourse and Weld explained how he would trot for one circuit before working over ten furlongs. The alarm bells began to ring as Phillips completed the circuit of trotting, looked anxiously at the horse's injured leg and beckoned over Weld. Even so the trainer was not too worried at the time. "He's got a nasty gash but I think it is very superficial. I've sent him on to do his work because he will be sore for a few days and won't be able to work. I don't think it is anything serious; it will take a stitch or two."

The workout was completed, impressively it must be said, but the mood changed quickly as Vintage Crop came to a standstill with blood gushing out of three wounds; two circular punctures near the top of his leg with pieces of flesh flapping around, and one vertical gash down the middle.

A vet was summoned as Weld supervised cleaning the injuries. "He has a 50-50 chance of making the race. It is worse than I feared," he said before Margot Hough arrived to treat and repair the leg.

"The horse has got 14 stitches, which is more than we anticipated, but as we investigated the wound, it was deeper and worse than we expected. The horse is now recovering, he is walking and we are hopeful. We have got a week; he is a fit horse and very well. It will all depend on how the healing process develops, but it is a catastrophic setback," Weld admitted.

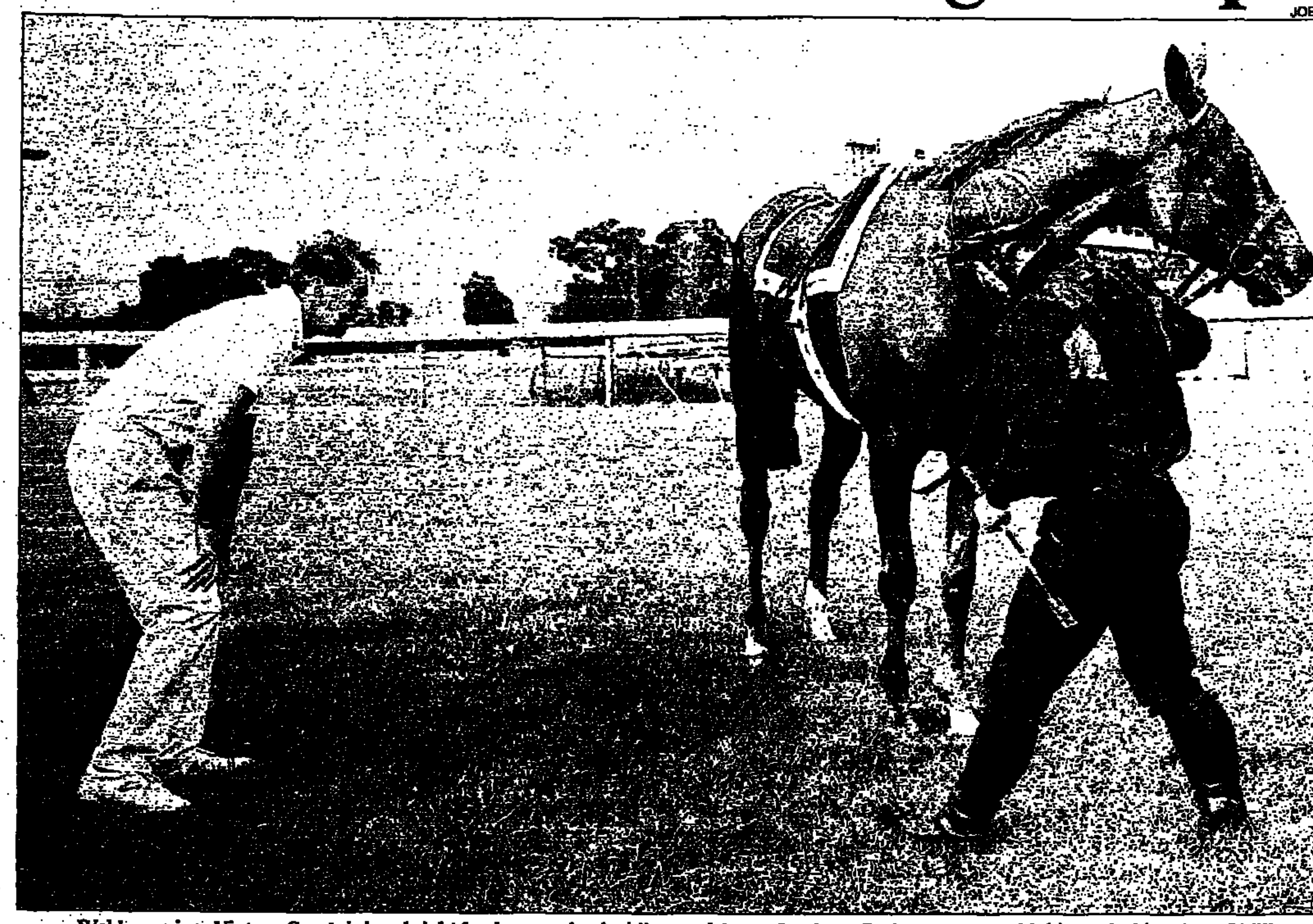
"That's life. These things happen. It was a totally freak accident which happened in the twinkling of an eye. It was nobody's fault. It was not the fault of the track," he added, somewhat generously.

The Victoria Racing Club confirmed later that a limited number of antibiotics could be given to Vintage Crop to assist his battle for fitness. Even if the medication helps to prevent infection, Weld's problems are far from over. The worst wound, dangerously close to the joint at the top of the leg, is particularly worrying and could hamper any serious exercise.

How does Weld keep Vintage Crop race fit without placing too much pressure on the wounds and the stitches? Plenty of walking and, possibly, swimming in the recuperative salt waters at nearby Balnarring Beach may help.

Weld is not nicknamed "the wizard" for nothing, but he will require the powers of Lazarus and all the luck of the Irish if Vintage Crop is to become only the fourth horse in the history of the Melbourne Cup to twice enter the winner's enclosure at Flemington Park on Tuesday.

JOE MANN



Weld examines Vintage Crop's injured right foreleg sustained while exercising at Sandown Park racecourse with his work rider, Dave Phillips

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ZIGGY'S DANCER
(3.45 Yarmouth)

Next best: The Reprobate
(4.25 Fontwell Park)

Richard Evans landed his nap Misty Silks (100-30) at Leicester yesterday and coupled it with Son Of Sharp Shot (13-2) for a near 32-1 double. Thunderer gave five winners at the same meeting.

White Muzzle in Japan Cup

TWO British contenders, White Muzzle and Muhtarram, are among five European-trained horses invited to compete in the Japan Cup, run over 1½ miles in Tokyo on November 27. White Muzzle finished thirteenth in the race last year, while the much-travelled Muhtarram, second in the Arlington Million, has already run in England, Ireland, France, Italy and the United States this season.

Apple Tree, Bright Moon and Hernando, all French-trained, are the other European selected horses. Europe has been granted an extra runner in the 16-strong field this year because of the absence of a candidate from the Japanese provinces.

Should any of the quintet fail to accept their invitation, the Japan Racing Association will select a replacement from the 17 remaining European entries which include Bolas, Close Conflict, Environment Friend, Only Royale, Right Win and River North.

The selected horses from the United States are three Breeders' Cup Turf candidates, Paradise Creek, Grand Flotilla and Vaudeville, and the Brazilian-bred winner of the Oak Tree Invitational, Sandpit.

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER
1.10 The Boiler White. 1.45 Allegation. 2.20 Bradbury Star. 2.55 Irkutsk. 3.30 Zamirah. 4.05 Warner For Winners. 4.35 Ballyea Boy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.10 TANTARA HATS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,369: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners)

101 4-1 CLEVER REMARK 21 (G) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-8 C Llewellyn 91
102 0/1 THE BOILER WHITE 14 (F) T Thomson Jones 6-11-8 S Smith Eccles 85
103 0/3- ANYTHINGYOULIKE 308 C Smith 5-11-0 G Bradley –
104 00- EVEN FLOW 179 T Casey 5-11-0 J Osborne –
105 0P0- GREAT ORME 188 C Popham 7-11-0 A Dobbin –
106 34- LE MEILLE 217 A Jarvis 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
107 4-BP MOORE BONES 4 D Gandolfo 6-11-0 M Dwyer –
108 00- MR DRUMMOND 214 A Jarvis 5-11-0 P Moore (7) –
109 10- PUNTERS OVERHEAD 224 (S) M Pipe 6-11-0 R Dunwoody –
110 80-3 RAINBOW CASTLE 21 J Gifford 7-11-0 E Murphy 98
111 25-2 SOLO GENT 21 A Jones 5-11-0 G McCourt 99
112 IN THE CHOIR R Alner 6-10-9 A Maguire –
113 -P3P JUST EVE 46 R Brotherton 7-10-9 T Eley (3) 79

3-1 Clever Remark, 7-2 The Boiler White, 9-2 Rainbow Castle, 5-1 Punters Overhead, 8-1 Solo Gent, Le Meille, 12-1 Anythingyoulike, 14-1 others.

1.45 CHELTENHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,404: 2m 7f 110yd) (8)

201 5P-4 SPRING MARATHON 25 (C,S) Mrs P Dutfield 4-11-13 P Holley 98
202 FPF- GAY RUFFIAN 200 (G,S) A Jarvis 8-11-12 M A Fitzgerald –
203 3-21 ALLEGATION 8 (V,G) M Pipe 4-11-6 (6ex) R Dunwoody 95
204 021- GREENHIL TARE AWAY 186 (G) P Hobbs 6-10-8 Peter Hobbs 93
205 2435 COURT CIRCULAR 5 (V,F,G) W Clay 5-10-8 Diane Clay 99
206 624- FORTUNES COURSE 9F (G) J King 5-10-2 J R Kavanagh 98
207 23-1 IRISH STAMP 11F (S) F Murphy 5-10-1 M Dwyer 93
208 2313 WINGS OF FREEDOM 19 (V,C,BF,F) J Jenkins 5-10-0 A Maguire 97

2-1 Allegation, 5-2 Greenhil Tare Away, 11-4 Irish Stamp, 8-1 Court Circular, 10-1 Wings Of Freedom, Fortunes Course, 12-1 others.

2.20 HOWARD E. PERRY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,856: 2m 5f) (6)

301 245- BRADBURY STAR 223 (CD,F,G,S) J Gifford 9-12-0 E Murphy 98
302 1F2- ELFAST 182 (C,F,G,S) J Webber 11-10-7 G McCourt 99
303 322- CRYSTAL SPIRIT 189 (CD,F,G,S) I Balding 7-10-4 J Osborne 98
304 34-F SOUTHOLT 11 (F,G,S) G Hubbard 6-10-1 A Maguire 92
305 F24- WIND FORCE 182 (D,F,G) G Richards 9-10-0 A Dobbin 95
306 F2F- ROUGH QUEST 202 (G) T Casey 8-10-0 R Dunwoody 96

6-4 Bradbury Star, 2-1 Crystal Spirit, 5-1 Rough Quest, 8-1 Elfast, 10-1 Wind Force, 12-1 Southolt.

2.55 NEVILLE RUSSELL *JUVENILE* NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,190: 2m 110yd) (9)

401 1532 MYTTON'S CHOICE 7 (D,F) A Bailey 11-5 T Kent 99
402 51P3 PLATO'S REPUBLIC 11 (D,F) J Jenkins 11-5 G McCourt 98
403 4 DERRABY 35F A James 10-12 V Slattery –
404 IRKUTSK 141F M Pipe 10-12 R Dunwoody –
405 PHYSICAL FUN A Blackmore 10-12 Mr G Hogan (5) –
406 04 PLUNDER BAY 14 D Nicholson 10-12 A Maguire 91
407 044 PRIMOST 20 F Murphy 10-12 M Foster 77
408 3 RYAN GIGGS 5 A Jarvis 10-12 M A Fitzgerald 73
409 2313 POETIC FANCY 20 (BF,F) N Twiston-Davies 10-11 C Llewellyn 91

5-2 Irkutsk, 3-1 Mytton's Choice, 4-1 Plunder Bay, 5-1 Ryan Giggs, 7-1 Plato's Republic, 8-1 Primost, 12-1 Poetic Fancy, 20-1 others.

3.30 LYDNEY NOVICES CHASE (£4,202: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

501 P-32 COKENNY BOY 11 (F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-3 W Marston 99
502 2/P ONE FOR THE CHIEF 21 (G,S) R Whitaker 6-11-3 J Osborne –
503 0-0F PETTAUGH 21 G Hubbard 6-11-3 M Hourigan –
504 STRONG CURRENT A Jarvis 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
505 5-F1 ZAMIRAH 12 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-13 C Llewellyn 90

4-6 Zamirah, 13-8 Cokenny Boy, 12-1 Pettaugh, 14-1 One For The Chief, 16-1 Strong Current.

4.05 POSTLIP AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,377: 3m 1f 110yd) (12)

601 11-5 KILLESHIN 25 (G,S) H Manners 8-12-0 G Brown (7) 90
602 15-5 TOCHENKA 27 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-7 M Rimell (7) 92
603 111- WARNER FOR WINNERS 179 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-4 S Mulcaire (7) 94
604 333- LO STREGONE 188 (D,G,S) T Tate 8-11-1 S Swiers 99
605 6P2- NEW MILL HOUSE 181 (D,G,S) A Jarvis 11-10-13 P English (5) 85
606 F1-4 RIO HAINA 21 (B,F,G,S) T Forster 9-10-10 Richard White (7) 95
607 2FF- SHEEPHAVEN 152 (G) T Casey 10-10-0 G Hogan (5) 89
608 3031 OCEAN LINK 16 (F,G,S) R Alner 10-10-0 P Henley 85
609 22-6 TITUS ANDRONICUS 21 (B,G) N Gaselee 7-10-0 M Armytage 89
610 U353 NEW HALEN 12 (C,D,F,G,S) A James 13-10-0 Miss P Jones (5) 92
611 P-54 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 13 (V,D,F) P Pritchard 9-10-0 R Johnson (7) 81
612 4-23 PICKETSTONE 14 J Webber 7-10-0 P Scott (7) 71

7-2 Warner For Winners, 4-1 New Mill House, 6-1 Killeshin, Lo Stregone, 7-1 Tochenka, 8-1 Rio Haina, Ocean Link, 16-1 others.

4.35 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,996: 2m 110yd) (25)

1 1-1 VALLEY GARDEN 18 (G) J J O'Neill 4-12-1 A Roche (5) –
2 COLONIAL BOY N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 T Jenks (3) –
3 FOOLS FUTURE Mrs J Retter 5-11-6 S Fox (5) –
4 0- HOODWINKER 280 W Jenks 5-11-6 Mr S Joynes (7) –
5 0- I'LL CHANCE IT 203 N Henderson 5-11-6 Mr C Vigors (7) –
6 3 JUST MARMALADE 18 P Hobbs 5-11-6 M Moran (7) –
7 F8- LYDEBROOK 156P Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-6 S Wynne (3) –
8 MORPHEUS D Nicholson 5-11-6 Mr J Connolly (5) –
9 WELSH RUPERT C Brooks 5-11-6 Mr E James (7) –
10 BALLYEA BOY D Nicholson 4-11-5 R Massey (7) –
11 BEST OF FRIENDS Miss H Knight 4-11-5 R Farrant –
12 0- GAMBLES LANE 260 Mrs H Parrott 4-11-5 D Leahy (3) –
13 00- JACK A HOY 172 R Brotherton 4-11-5 T Eley (3) –
14 KILTULLA Mrs S Smith 4-11-5 Mr L Donnelly (7) –
15 MENDIP PRINCE P Hobbs 4-11-5 Mr S Mulcaire (7) –
16 PONTABULA H Manners 4-11-5 M Appleby (7) –
17 RYMER'S EXPRESS A Jarvis 4-11-5 P Morris (7) –
18 SAMEASMEAD J Moore 4-11-5 L McGrath (7) –
19 UPLANDS C Brooks 4-11-5 M Berry (7) –
20 WILD WEST WIND Miss H Knight 4-11-5 Mr J M Pritchard –
21 JOLI HIGH NOTE J Honeyball 5-11-1 Mr G Hogan (5) –
22 DARK NIGHTINGALE O Sherwood 4-11-0 A Bates (5) –
23 4 BONNABEBG 7 G Balding 4-11-0 Ross Barry (7) –
24 JOLI JUSTICE J Honeyball 4-11-0 Miss T Honeyball (7) –
25 0 RUA ROS 18 Mrs S Smith 4-11-0 Mr P Murray (7) –

3-1 Valley Garden, 5-1 Just Marmalade, 6-1 Colonial Boy, 7-1 Ballyea Boy, 10-1 Dark Nightingale, Uplands, Morpheus, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Balding, 6 winners from 20 runners, 30.0%; D Nicholson, 34 from 150, 22.7%; Mrs J Retter, 3 from 14, 21.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 27 from 139, 19.4%; M Pipe, 44 from 248, 17.7%; G Balding, 17 from 112, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: Mr C Vigors, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; Mr M Armytage, 6 from 23, 26.1%; R Dunwoody, 41 from 200, 20.5%; M Foster, 5 from 25, 20%; S Smith Eccles, 4 from 26, 15.4%; A Maguire, 20 from 136, 14.7%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Fontwell Park: 1.35 Highland Flame. 2.10 Caragh Bridge. Yarmouth: 1.25 Canary Blue, Rich Asset.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
1.35 Jovial Man. 2.10 James The First. 2.45 My Wizard. 3.20 Ive Called Time. 3.55 Maggots Green. 4.25 The Reprobate.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.35 WILLIS CORROON SOUTH SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,928: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1 -552 JOVIAL MAN 8 (BF,S) G Harwood 5-11-10 M Perrett
2 00-3 *BARAHIN 7F (BF) J Bridger 5-11-1* D O'Sullivan
3 060- MA BELLA LUNA 166 J Moore 5-10-10 W McFarland
4 5113 FAWLEY FLYER 8 (F,G) W G M Turner 5-10-9 M Griffiths (7)
5 -P33 ROBENKO 7 (B) G Charles-Jones 5-10-0 B Powell
6 -066 SIDE BAR 4 (B) M Ryan 4-10-0 J Ryan
7 P-PP HIGHLAND FLAME 21 (V,D,G) A Blackmore 5-10-0 Gee Armytage
8 0-P4 SMART DAISY 8 (V) Mrs L Jewell 4-10-0 J Railton

7-4 Jovial Man, 3-1 Fawley Flyer, 4-1 Barahin, 7-1 Robenko, 8-1 Side Bar, 10-1 Smart Daisy, 20-1 others.

2.10 DEREK WIGAN MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,623: 2m 2f) (10)

1 2U-2 JAMES THE FIRST 18 (BF,F,G,S) P Nicholls 6-11-13 C Maude
2 4-11 TIME WON'T WAIT 20 (CD,F,G) R Phillips 5-11-11 J Railton
3 -U2F OXFORD QUILL 44 (S) R Curtis 7-11-6 D Morris
4 -11P CARAGH BRIDGE 34 (V,G) J O'Shea 7-11-3 M Williamson
5 F2-2 *SPINNING STEEL 13 (F) F Murphy 7-11-0* S Burrough
6 -662 TRUSS 12 (G) J Upson 7-10-2 R Supple
7 /P1 BONUS BOY 22 (S) R Buckler 9-10-0 DOUBTFUL
8 3-33 MASSOOD 11 J Mullins 9-10-0 S Curran (5)
9 PPP- SALVAGER 219 (S) J Poulton 10-10-0 R Rowell
10 R40- NO DEBT 215 B Meehan 6-10-0 B Powell

5-2 Spinning Steel, 3-1 Time Won't Wait, 9-2 James The First, 6-1 Caragh Bridge, 8-1 Oxford Quill, 10-1 Truss, 14-1 others.

2.45 BUILDING COMPANY HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,532: 2m 2f) (13)

1 132- MY WIZARD 259 (G) J Gifford 7-12-0 P Hide (3)
2 421- NOBLELY 111F (D,F,G) N Walker 7-11-0 N Williamson
3 51-1 MULCIBER 16 (CD,F) G Harwood 6-11-0 M Perrett
4 50-P PARADISE NAVY 11 (S) C Egerton 5-10-13 D Gallagher
5 012- ROSGILL 221 (F,S) J White 8-10-11 J Railton
6 6-54 RICH LIFE 16 (CD,BF,G) C Weedon 4-10-7 R Burns (7)
7 100- HAWAIIAN YOUTH 203 (G,S) R Rowe 6-10-6 D Carson (7)
8 5/5- HAWKFIELD 403 (G) C Broad 5-10-4 I Lawrence
9 356- FOX CHAPEL 177 (B,G,S) R Juckes 7-10-0 G Tormey (7)
10 2-22 ILEWIN 9 (F,G,S) M Abam 7-10-0 M Ahern
11 P/0 SULLI BOY 16 (F) Miss B Sanders 9-10-0 M Richards
12 3256 RULING DYNASTY 30 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Usher 10-10-0 Guy Lewis (5)
13 55P- RED BEAN 177 (G) J O'Donoghue 6-10-0 S Earle

3-1 Mulciber, 4-1 My Wizard, 5-1 Noblely, 7-1 Rich Life, 8-1 Rosgill, 10-1 Hawaiian Youth, Ilewin, 12-1 others.

3.20 ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD NOVICES CHASE (£2,048: 3m 2f 110yd) (13)

1 1231 COASTING 22 (D,G,S) G Balding 8-11-12 J Railton
2 3-03 THE MALAKARMA 21 (G,S) Mrs I McKie 8-11-4 L Harvey
3 345P BRAVO STAR 20 (F,G) F Murphy 9-11-0 N Williamson
4 0-UP BRINDLEY HOUSE 21 (G,S) R Curtis 7-11-0 D Morris
5 2453 CRUISE CONTROL 16 R Rowe 8-11-0 C Burnett-Wells
6 3-00 EMALLEN 8 Mrs L Jewell 6-11-0 I Lawrence
7 P5-2 IVE CALLED TIME 22 P Nicholls 6-11-0 C Maude
8 -634 KNIGHTLY ARGUS 11 (F,S) M Heaton-Ellis 7-11-0 S Keightley
9 4P0S SILVERCROSS LAD 12 (F) R Juckes 11-11-0 T Wall
10 /FP TEEGA SUKU 25 Mrs J Young 7-11-0 G Upton
11 0PP- QUEEN'S AWARD 228 R Champion 5-10-12 B Powell
12 U-PP *ALZAMINA 11 (F,S) Mrs L Jewell 8-10-9* Mr B Pollock (7)
13 53-4 LESBET 49 (F,G,S) R Frost 9-10-9 J Frost

3-1 Ive Called Time, 7-2 Coasting, 6-1 Knightly Argus, 7-1 Cruise Control, 8-1 Lesbet, The Malakarma, 10-1 Bravo Star, 14-1 others.

3.55 WILLIS CORROON SOUTH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,499: 2m 2f) (7)

1 4-25 STARLAP 19 (F,G,S) R Buckler 10-11-10 F Leahy
2 3114 WAYWARD WIND 22 (BF,F,G) J White 10-11-0 A P McCoy
3 3354 GREENHEART 16 (F,G) R Dean 11-11-0 A Procter
4 1321 SLIPPERY MAX 58 (F,G) R Juckes 10-10-13 R Davis
5 0P-6 COCK SPARROW 12 (F,S) Mrs L Shally 10-10-11 G Tormey (4)
6 23P4 COURT RAPIER 14 (CD,F,G) R Alner 12-10-11 P Carey (4)
7 2313 MAGGOTS GREEN 9 (D,BF,F,S) J Bradley 7-10-7 Guy Lewis

5-2 Maggots Green, 3-1 Slippery Max, 9-2 Starlap, 5-1 Wayward Wind, Court Rapier, 12-1 Greenheart, 25-1 others.

4.25 DOCKER HUGHES MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novices hurdle: £1,622: 2m 2f) (16)

1 -P61 TIR NA NOG 12 (B,F) Miss L Shally 5-11-5 J Ryan
2 /0P- BIG BAD WOLF 280 B Pearce 6-10-12 R Rowell
3 364- DENVER BAY 183 J Gifford 7-10-12 P Hide (3)
4 JUSTICE 71F K Cunningham-Brown 6-10-12 A P McCoy (5)
5 3/0- LER CRU 46F J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-12 A Thornton
6 F- LORD GLENVARA 26F R O'Sullivan 6-10-12 D O'Sullivan
7 6236 MANABOUTTHEHOUSE 11 Mrs I McKie 7-10-12 L Harvey
8 P- *STORMTRACKER 215 C Weedon 5-10-12* M Richards
9 1- THE REPROBATE 189 (F) C Egerton 5-10-12 D Gallagher
10 CALISAR 47F P Howling 4-10-11 B Powell
11 232- CHIEF'S SONG 19F S Dow 4-10-11 A Dicken
12 0 LETS GO NOW 18 Mrs L Jewell 4-10-11 J Railton
13 5 HONEY VISION 53 D Browning 5-10-7 N Williamson
14 323- POLLY MINOR 188 G Enright 7-10-7 M Perrett
15 B/2- SUPER SARENA 450 R Frost 5-10-7 J Frost
16 0- ALACUE 205 R Alner 4-10-6 S Earle

11-4 Denver Bay, 7-2 Chief's Song, 9-2 The Reprobate, 7-1 Super Sarena, 10-1 Tir Na Nog, 12-1 Polly Minor, Honey Vision, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Phillips, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; G Harwood, 13 from 34, 38.2%; R Alner, 6 from 18, 33.3%; Miss B Sanders, 10 from 37, 27.0%; J Moore, 5 from 22, 22.7%; M Usher, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Frost, 19 winners from 76 rides, 25.0%; D Morris, 19 from 93, 20.4%; M Perrett, 15 from 75, 20%; C Maude, 3 from 18, 16.7%; M Richards, 13 from 79, 16.5%; D O'Sullivan, 7 from 46, 15.2%.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
1.25 Ela Man Howa. 2.00 Needle Gun. 2.35 BAILEYS SUNSET (nap). 3.10 Verzen. 3.45 Ertlon. 4.15 Peace Envoy.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 VERZEN.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Needle Gun. 3.10 Verzen. *4.15 PEACE ENVOY* (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.25 JOHN SMITH HELPING HANDS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,783: 1m 6f 17yd) (11 runners)

1 (10) 000-000 RICH ASSET 82 (V) (Mrs J King) C Booth 4-9-12 L Dettori 63
2 (6) 125264 CLIBURNEL NEWS 7 (C,F,G) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 4-9-7 J Weaver 91
3 (5) 141140 IDEAL CANDIDATE 11 (D,F,G,S) (T O'Flaherty) T Naughton 5-9-7 V Halliday (7) –
4 (9) 000002 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 7 (B,G) (Hocking and Squires Ltd) J Wharton 4-9-6 J Quinn 80
5 (4) 0/200/ CHOIR MASTER 1024J (G) (H Higson) A Moore 7-9-4 Candy Morris –
6 (2) 341060 ELA MAN HOWA 12 (D,F) (Falangor Bloodstock) R Akehurst 3-9-3 R Hughes 89
7 (11) 024320 LONE RISK 8 (G,S) (P Byrnes) C Allen 3-9-3 G Bardwell 70
8 (8) 624000 PRIDE OF MAY 9 (B,F) (R Lewis) R Hannon 3-9-3 Pat Eddery 97
9 (1) 540060 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 6 (G) (J Active Evans) K Wingrove 7-9-0 D Biggs 78
10 (3) 4-00500 CANARY BLUE 8 (B) (D Hanson) P Makin 3-6-4 M Hills 99
11 (7) 060305 EXPLOSIVE POWER 7 (S C Woods) S Woods 3-8-3 G Duffield 83

BETTING: 9-4 Ela Man Howa, 9-2 Cliburnel News, 5-1 Pride Of May, 6-1 Lone Risk, 8-1 Blowedifiknow, 12-1 Explosive Power, 14-1 Rich Asset, Choir Master, 16-1 others.

1993: STREPHON 3-8-6 S Mulvey (5-1) M Tompkins 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RICH ASSET 16l 12th of 13 to Penny A Day in a handicap at Redcar (1m 3f, good). BLOWEDIFIKNOW short-head 2nd of 19 to Much Too Clever in selling handicap here (1m 3f 101yd, good) with CLIBURNEL NEWS (12lb better off) 1¾l 4th and EXPLOSIVE POWER (9lb better off) 4l 5th. CHOIR MASTER best effort 1½l 2nd of 15 to Army Of Stars in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). ELA MAN HOWA about 11½l 6th of 15 to Dickens in conditions race at Brighton (1m 4f, good) penultimate start. LONE RISK 3½l 2nd of 9 to Carrolls Marc in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f) penultimate start. CANARY BLUE best recent effort about 8¼l 5th of 7 to Knight Of Poland in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft).

Selection: CHOIR MASTER

2.00 MARSTONS PEDIGREE CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,299: 1m 2f 21yd) (4 runners)

1 (3) 100-425 CROSSILLION 149 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Wragg) G Wragg 6-9-4 M Hills 81
2 (1) 6-32040 NEEDLE GUN 81 (S Manana) C Brittain 4-9-2 M Roberts 99
3 (4) 132300 ULAL 32 (B,D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-1 R Hills 91
4 (2) 162003 DIABAIG 15 (F) (M Sinclair) M Jarvis 3-8-10 P Robinson 80

BETTING: 4-6 Needle Gun, 5-1 Crossillion, 5-1 Ulal, 8-1 Diabaig.

1993: DEL DEYA 3-8-10 L Dettori 4-1 (J M Gosden) 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CROSSILLION about 2l 5th of 14 to Wainwright in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm). NEEDLE GUN best recent effort 7½l 9th of 11 to Muhtarram in group II Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). ULAL best recent effort about 7½l 3rd of 6 to Grecian Slipper in conditions race at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good). DIABAIG 7l 3rd of 6 to Katsura in conditions race at Leicester (1m, good).

Selection: NEEDLE GUN

2.35 FOSTERS ICE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,436: 5f 43yd) (11 runners)

1 (6) 342566 ARASONG 27 (D,F) (T Scotman) E Weymes 9-7 D Harrison 89
2 (11) 2222 ROLLING 11 (BF) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-4 M Hills 88
3 (10) 112115 FAIRY FAY 42 (D,BF,G) (B Wilcock) B McMath 8-13 C Hawksley (5) 86
4 (2) 16 THE SCYTHIAN 35 (D,F) (I Vogt) Bob Jones 8-13 G Duffield 84
5 (7) 052510 BAILEYS SUNSET 27 (D,F) (Baileys Horse Feeds) M Johnston 8-12 M Roberts 95
6 (9) 006 CROWDED AVENUE 21 (T Wellard) P Makin 8-7 L Dettori 82
7 (5) 340304 RISKY ROYAL 9 (Mrs S Sheldon) T Naughton 8-7 V Halliday (7) 88
8 (4) 420436 YOUDONTSAY 28 (T Nicholls) R Curtis 8-5 J Lowe 85
9 (1) 043020 NADWATY 23 (Shaikh Amin Dahlawi) J Bethell 8-2 W Carson 92
10 (3) 030504 YOUNG ROSE 27 (Mrs S Stevens) Pat Mitchell 8-1 L Charnock 84
11 (8) 334004 THARWA 48 (BF) (I Al-Said) N Callaghan 7-10 M Baird (7) 99

BETTING: 3-1 Rolling, 4-1 Arasong, 5-1 Baileys Sunset, 7-1 Risky Royal, 8-1 Fairy Fay, Crowded Avenue, 10-1 The Scythian, 12-1 others.

1993: ROYALE FIGURINE 8-12 W R Swinburn (4-1) M Fetherston-Godley 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARASONG 4¼l 6th of 16 to Try To Please in nursery at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) with BAILEYS SUNSET short-head 7th. ROLLING ½l 2nd of 13 to Overbrook in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good) penultimate start. FAIRY FAY beat Thick As Thieves 1½l in 9-runner claimer at Lingfield (6f, good) on penultimate start. THE SCYTHIAN beat Das Island 1¾l in 7-runner seller at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm) on penultimate start. BAILEYS SUNSET beat Silk Cottage 2l in a 7-runner maiden auction at Thirsk (5f, firm) penultimate start. RISKY ROYAL about 1¼l 4th of 9 to Bent Al Fala in maiden at Folkestone (5f, firm).

Selection: ROLLING

3.10 DIAMOND WHITE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,250: 1m 3yd) (15 runners)

1 (1) CITY RUN (Mrs M Schneider) D Cosgrove 9-0 M Wigham –
2 (7) 0 CUBA 29 (P Newton) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 80
3 (13) 05 DAMSTER BAILEYS 32 (Baileys Horse Feeds) M Johnston 9-0 M Roberts 81
4 (10) 5 EL DON 11 (D Morris) M Ryan 9-0 D Biggs 85
5 (4) 00 IRON N GOLD 7 (C Sparrowhawk) A Moore 9-0 A Whelan (7) –
6 (12) KALISTA ONE UP (S Harada) M Stoute 9-0 L Dettori –
7 (14) 020 KOMODO 8 (BF) (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-0 D Harrison 92
8 (2) MAIN OFFENDER (L Mannopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan –
9 (8) 063 MR MACTAVISH 8 (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery 87
10 (5) MUTABASSIM (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 W Carson –
11 (9) PRUSSIAN BLUE (L Mannopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone –
12 (11) TRAIKEY (Saeed Ahmad Yousuf Al Sabah) J Banks 9-0 J Quinn –
13 (6) 5 VAUGRENIER 13 (I Twogden) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 89
14 (15) 2 VERZEN 27 (S Manana) D Loder 9-0 J Weaver 99
15 (3) DAWLAH (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills –

BETTING: 5-2 Verzen, 4-1 Main Offender, 5-1 Komodo, 8-1 Kalista One Up, 10-1 Prussian Blue, 12-1 El Don, Dawlah, 14-1 Vaugrenier, 16-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DAMSTER BAILEYS 7¼l 5th of 11 to Thames Sword in Redcar maiden (1m 1f, good to soft). KALISTA ONE UP (foaled Jan 23, 105,000gns) First foal by Woodman, dam, daughter of Oaks winner Sun Princess, a 1m 2f winner. MAIN OFFENDER (May 4). Half-brother by Be My Chief to Big Sky, 6f scorer, and Backgammon, winner over 1m 2f/1m 4f this year. MR MACTAVISH 3¼l 3rd of 18 to Indigo Time in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good) with KOMODO 2½l 8th. VAUGRENIER 8¼l 5th of 26 to Vetlon in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). VERZEN neck 2nd of 15 to Painter's Row in Newmarket maiden (7f, good to firm).

Selection: VERZEN

3.45 COCA-COLA SCHWEPPES HANDICAP (£4,240: 7f 3yd) (20 runners)

1 (16) 000003 POLONEZ PRIMA 11 (D,F,G) (D Tumey) J Banks 7-10-0 L Newton (5) 92
2 (12) 445005 ERTLON 13 (F) (C Brittain) C Brittain 4-10-0 M Roberts 93
3 (13) 510120 BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 21 (CD,BF,G,S) S Bowring 4-9-10 S D Williams 92
4 (8) 310060 LADY-BO-K 25 (F,G) (Mr T McEvoy) A Hide 3-9-8 P Bowe (7) 93
5 (5) 422602 ZIGGY'S DANCER 7 (Mr Y Ip) R Armstrong 3-9-8 W R Swinburn 97
6 (15) 444 SALLYOREALLY 147 (BF) (J Smallman) H Cecil 3-9-6 W Ryan 89
7 (4) 150550 CAN CAN CHARLIE 15 (D,G,S) (G Tuite) J Pearce 4-9-3 G Bardwell 82
8 (20) 220300 TUMBLING 18 (D,F,G) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 6-9-0 W Carson 89
9 (14) 0-33000 BICHETTE 140 (D,G,S) (P Higson) G L Moore 4-9-0 A Morris 83
10 (19) 021522 MOUJEEB 9 (BF,G) (A Punney) Pat Mitchell 4-8-13 L Dettori 99
11 (2) 000002 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 28 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-8-11 Dean McKeown 86
12 (17) 620000 OUR SHADEE 43 (V,D,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-8-10 M Wigham 90
13 (6) 4-000 BID FOR A RAINBOW 148 (Mrs G Dawson) Mrs M Long 3-8-8 J Weaver 82
14 (9) 60200-0 AHJAY 6 (D,F) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-8-8 J Quinn 81
15 (7) 000004 GOVERNORS BELLE 28 (Avon Industries) P Makin 3-8-8 M Hills 89
16 (3) 416000 LEGEND DULAC 11 (D,F,G,S) (B McAlister) J L Harris 5-8-5 Dale Gibson 88
17 (18) 245000 LADY HIGHFIELD 15 (Miss J Nicholls) M Ryan 3-8-4 D Biggs 90
18 (11) 602000 TAKENHALL 26 (D,F,G) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 9-8-4 F Norton 90
19 (1) 300010 EAST BARNS 30 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Northern B'stock) S Gollings 6-8-0 P McCabe (5) 91
20 (10) 005030 HAWAII STORM 23 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Wheeler) Miss A Whitfield 6-7-12 R Street 80

BETTING: 6-1 Sallyoreally, 7-1 Ertlon, 8-1 Ziggy's Dancer, Polonez Prima, 9-1 Broadstairs Beauty, 10-1 Moujeeb, 12-1 Tumbling, Can Can Charlie, 14-1 others.

1993: PENNY BANGER 3-10-0 M Roberts (7-1) M Johnston 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

POLONEZ PRIMA 1l 3rd of 19 to True Precision in handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm). ERTLON 2½l 5th of 28 to Polish Admiral in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 2½l 8th of 18 to Saddlehome in handicap at York (5f, soft). ZIGGY'S DANCER head 2nd of 16 to Assyrian in maiden here (1m, good). SALLYOREALLY 6l 4th of 9 to Tshusick in a maiden auction over course and distance (firm). MOUJEEB ½l 2nd of 25 to Admiral's Realm in rated stakes at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 3rd of 20 to La Petite Fusee in handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to soft). EAST BARNES beat Miss Ritz 4l in a 10-runner apprentices' handicap over course and distance (soft).

Selection: ERTLON

4.15 EBF MAX CIDER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,075: 7f 3yd) (13 runners)

1 (8) 0 ALMOND ROCK 27 (CIT Racing Ltd) J Fanshawe 9-0 W Woods 89
2 (10) 34 DOUBLETON 71 (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 98
3 (2) IKTAMAL (M Al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 W R Swinburn –
4 (9) IKTASAB (M Al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 J Tate (3) –
5 (3) MAGNA CARTA (R Barnett) M Stoute 9-0 L Dettori –
6 (6) 00 MR SLICK 146 (F Kalla) N Callaghan 9-0 M Wigham 65
7 (5) 2 PEACE ENVOY 27 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery 99
8 (4) PRIZE PUPIL (S Selu) C Wall 9-0 G Duffield –
9 (7) SHAYIM (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 W Carson –
10 (11) 0 TIRLIE 6 (Mrs J Etherton) J Payne 9-0 W Hood –
11 (13) ALIOLI (T Corby) M Ryan 8-9 T Ives –
12 (12) 0 DUCKING 12 (Mrs D Wigan) J Fanshawe 8-9 D Harrison –
13 (1) 0 RAY OF HOPE 16 (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-9 Paul Eddery –

BETTING: 4-5 Peace Envoy, 4-1 Magna Carta, 5-1 Doubleton, 8-1 Shayim, 12-1 Almond Rock, 14-1 Ray Of Hope, Iktamal, 16-1 others.

1993: GREEN CRUSADER 9-0 W R Swinburn (9-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLETON 4½l 4th of 6 to Options Open in maiden at York (7f, good to firm). IKTAMAL (foaled Apr 18, cost 75,000gns) Half-brother by Danzig Connection to middle-distance winner, Crystal Cross. MAGNA CARTA (Feb 14) First foal by Royal Academy, dam, half-sister to useful middle-distance winner, Zimzam, juvenile 7f winner. PEACE ENVOY neck 2nd of 15 to Smart Alec in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with ALMOND ROCK 4¼l 7th. DUCKING 11l 9th of 14 to Stolen Melody in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). RAY OF HOPE 12l 10th of 18 to Shapely in a maiden at Leicester (7f, good).

Selection: PEACE ENVOY (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M F-Godley	3	6	50.0	Pat Eddery	17	62	27.4
M Johnston	5	15	33.3	P Robinson	19	107	17.8
B Hills	9	29	31.0	W Ryan	23	130	17.7
H Cecil	29	96	30.2	M Roberts	38	218	17.4
A Stewart	15	68	22.1	G Duffield	23	136	16.9
D Loder	4	19	21.1	Dean McKeown	5	30	16.7

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Leicester

Going: good to soft

1.20 (1m 8yd) 1, Misty Silks (A Clark, 100-30 fav: Richard Evans's nap), 2, Leonova (7-1); 3, Prenonamoss (12-1), 4, Sweet Trentino (20-1). 18 ran. Hd, 6l. M Ryan. Tote: £4.00; £1.20, £2.80, £2.00, £11.20. DF: £18.10. Trio: £91.10. CSF: £27.70. Tricast: £244.67.

1.50 (1m 8yd) 1, Final Appearance (J Reid, 1-2 fav), 2, Inquisitor (11-2), 3, Speed To Lead (12-1). 16 ran. NR: Riyadian. ¾l, 2½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.20, £3.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.52.

2.20 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Cuango (W Ryan, 3-1 fav); 2, Bahrain Star (9-1); 3, Manbarah (8-1). 11 ran. NR: Sozzled. 1½l, nk. R Hollinshead. Tote: £4.30; £1.50, £3.90, £1.90. DF: £26.80. CSF: £29.83.

2.50 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Son Of Sharp Shot (Pat Eddery, 13-2); 2, Chilly Lad (7-1), 3, Ballyranter (8-1), 4, Simaat (7-1). Sky Burst 9-2 fav. 18 ran. NR: Gold Desire. Sh hd, hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £6.00; £1.90, £3.20, £2.60, £1.70. DF: £65.60. Trio: £393.10. CSF: £54.24. Tricast: £357.66.

3.20 (1m 8yd) 1, Happy Hostage (M Roberts, 7-4 fav), 2, Celtic Ceilidh (20-1); 3, Mr Rough (7-1). 19 ran. NR: Little Miner. Hd, nk. M Johnston. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £8.20, £2.20. DF: £68.40. CSF: £38.12.

3.50 (7f 9yd) 1, Petomi (G Duffield, 4-6 fav), 2, Pierre Bosco (8-1), 3, Twilight Hour (11-4). 4 ran. 2l, sh hd. M Prescott. Tote: £1.70. DF: £5.00. CSF: £5.83. *After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.*

4.20 (5f 218yd) 1, Ben Gunn (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav), 2, Shining Example (5-1), 3, Salerno Lady (10-1). 17 ran. 1¼l, 3l. P Walwyn. Tote: £4.20; £2.10, £1.80, £5.50. DF: £11.10. CSF: £15.99.

Jackpot: £147.30.
Placepot: £16.60. Quadpot: £11.80.

Newton Abbot

Going: soft

1.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Muhtashim (A Maguire, 7-4 fav), 2, Sirka (4-1); 3, West End (10-1). 15 ran. NR: Idiom. 5l, 2l. J Ffitch-Heyes. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.40, £4.20. DF: £5.00. CSF: £9.05. Bought in 6,000gns.

1.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Kalling (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2, Pentea Lady (25-1), 3, Curraheen View (11-2). Desperate 5-4 fav. 9 ran. 10l, 6l. P Nicholls. Tote: £4.10; £1.30, £3.30, £1.70. DF: £37.30. CSF: £87.63.

2.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Billygoat Gruff (A Maguire, 100-30), 2, *Pennymoor Prince* (33-1), 3, Green's Fair (33-1). Captain Khedive 6-4 fav. 16 ran. 5l, 3½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £6.20, £6.00. DF: £86.60. CSF: £93.65.

2.40 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Vicompt De Valmont (R Dunwoody, 7-1), 2, Pop Song (14-1), 3, Shamarphil (14-1). Kiwi Velocity 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 11l, 8l. P Nicholls. Tote: £10.30; £2.10, £4.20, £5.60. DF: £99.30. Trio: £468.40 (part won, pool of £131.97 carried forward to 3.45 Yarmouth today). CSF: £84.99. Tricast: £1,198.98.

3.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Aal El Aal (G Tormey, 9-4 fav); 2, *Southampton* (5-2), 3, Nine O Three (33-1), 4, Wolver Gold (12-1). 16 ran. 2l, 12l. P Hobbs. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £1.50, £7.70, £3.00. DF: £6.10. Trio: £403.40 (part won, pool of £233.00 carried forward to 3.45 Yarmouth today). CSF: £8.59. Tricast: £146.89.

3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Always Remember (Peter Hobbs, 9-2); 2, Jailbreaker (4-1), 3, Ramstar (4-1). Bowl Of Oats 7-4 fav. 7 ran. 12l, 5l. P Hobbs. Tote: £4.80; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £11.00. CSF: £21.99.

4.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Manne Society (Mr B Pollock, 40-1), 2, Ragtime Boy (11-1), 3, Love You Madly (7-4 fav). 15 ran. NR: Upward Surge. 4l, 12l. N Ayliffe. Tote: £109.10; £12.50, £2.60, £1.30. DF: £490.80. Trio: £391.50. CSF: £395.98. Tricast: £1,088.34.

Placepot: £1188.70. Quadpot: £75.30.

☐ Redcar abandoned — course waterlogged

Redcar meeting switched

NEXT Tuesday's fixture at Redcar, the track's last of the season, has been transferred to Newcastle, where racing is also due to be staged on Monday.

The British Horseracing Board (BHB) approved the switch just hours after the Redcar card, scheduled for yesterday, had been called off because of heavy rain.

The BHB said that the move was necessary as a result of drainage problems being experienced between the five and four-furlong markers at Redcar and will allow remedial work to be commenced straight away.

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United guard against inexperience

Ferguson takes safe option in psychological war

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

NO SOONER had the Football League given Manchester United the all-clear to field whomever they want, however young and inexperienced, in their Coca-Cola Cup campaign than Alex Ferguson, the United manager, decided to err on the side of safety for their third-round tie at Newcastle United tonight.

Ferguson, ever-protective of his more established players as the club continues to chase success on four fronts, has used the Coca-Cola competition as a vehicle for rest and recreation. Thus, against Port Vale in the two-legged second round, the likes of Ince, Hughes and Giggs took a break while Gillespie, Butt, Beckham *et al* filled in.

It proved a fruitful exercise for Ferguson. While the big boys recuperated from European Cup Champions' League and FA Carling Premiership wear and tear, the teenage understudies collected an impressive 4-1 aggregate victory, with 2-1 and 2-0 wins. In the not-too-distant future, they may well begin to replace those who sat it out against Vale.

Tonight, though, Ferguson has gone for a mix-and-match approach at St James' Park, with one eye on the Premiership meeting between the clubs at Old Trafford on Saturday. Had he stuck by his Coca-Cola Cup line-up, Newcastle could have ripped the youngsters apart and gained the vital psychological high ground for the rematch three days later.

Ferguson found the thought too distressing to contemplate and has included Cantona, Bruce, Ince, Kanchelskis and Sharpe in his squad. Schmeichel, Hughes and Keane are left out. Of the new breed, Scholes, Butt, Gillespie and Gary Neville are brought in while Walsh, 26, replaces Schmeichel in goal.

For Ince, the Coca-Cola Cup still holds importance, even if it is rated at No 4 in Ferguson's list of priorities: "Everything matters to Manchester United," Ince said. "We wouldn't want to have it any other way and, when you go out in front of a full house, you've got to have that will to win. You can't afford to go out and say 'Well, it's only the League Cup' and just stroll about. It doesn't work like that and the lads don't work like that, anyway. We want to win everything."

Ironically, it is Newcastle who are likely to field the more unfamiliar line-up. Venison is missing because of long-term injury, Lee is still struggling with a groin problem that has kept him out of the last three matches and Fox and Howey will have fitness tests on thigh strains.

Not that Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, is particularly worried by the prospect of taking on the double league champions. The Premiership leaders have won 14 of their 16 league and cup matches this season and fear few opponents: "Manchester United are the best, but we could be the next and I think we look like the pretenders to their throne," Keegan said. "If you include the Ibrox tournament, we've drawn our last three matches with United and that proves we are much more evenly balanced now."

Aston Villa, the Coca-Cola Cup-holders, attempt to revive their flagging fortunes when they take on Middlesbrough, from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, at Villa Park. They have won just twice in the Premiership this season and have picked up only one point from their last six outings.

Neil Cox, the former Villa defender now at Middlesbrough, is relishing his return: "With the money they have spent in the last three years, Villa have to win something," he said. "Yet they're struggling in the league and suffered another bad home defeat [against Nottingham Forest] last weekend. We can go to Villa Park to enjoy ourselves and let them do the worrying."

Arsenal travel to Oldham Athletic without the prolific Wright, injured after scoring in his tenth successive game in the 2-1 win over Coventry City on Sunday, and Tony Adams, the captain, is doubtful with Achilles tendon trouble.

Des Lyttle is expected to make his Nottingham Forest comeback in the match against Wolverhampton Wanderers, who he supported as a youngster. Lyttle has missed three games with injury but is expected to return in the third round clash at Molineux.

Gillingham, the Endsleigh Insurance League third division club, is fighting for financial survival and has been put on the market for just over £200,000.



Ince is determined to maintain Manchester United's challenge in the Coca-Cola Cup tonight

World Cup growth favours Europe

EUROPEAN nations could well occupy three of the eight additional places available for the 1998 World Cup finals, in France. Dr João Havelange, the president of Fifa, the world governing body, said he would propose the allocation during executive council meetings in New York this week.

He favours distributing one each of the five other places to the other four football federations and Oceania. Europe would then have 15 World Cup berths, Africa and South America four, Asia three, Central and North America three and Oceania one, with one automatic spot going to the host country and another to the defending champions.

"I have had personal meetings with all the presidents of the confederations," Havelange said. "We must forget about passions and political interests when deciding on a matter as important as this."

The 21 voting members of the executive council, which includes the confederation presidents of Uefa, the European governing body, Africa and Concacaf, the Central and North American body, meet tomorrow to decide on the allocations that will expand the World Cup field from 24 to 32 nations.

Havelange, 78, in his 21st year at the helm of the international federation, was confident of his proposal's acceptance yesterday. The plan would disappoint the African and Asian nations, who were hoping for two extra berths each.

The council will also hear a presentation from the Brazilian football federation tomorrow. Brazil hopes to host the World Cup finals in 2006, although a decision is not due for another five years.

☐ Internazionale have failed to agree terms with Bayern Munich for the possible transfer of Dennis Bergkamp, the Italian club's unsettled Dutch forward. A delegation from the German club comprising Franz Beckenbauer, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Uli Hoeness flew to Milan on Monday. But an Inter spokesman said that Bergkamp was not for sale for "technical and economic reasons". He added: "He is, and remains, at Inter, at least for the time being."

Charlton refuses to resign in book controversy

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JACK Charlton yesterday denied he was about to resign as manager of Ireland after controversy greeted the publication of a book in which he is said to criticise the former international players, Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton, and the former Ireland youth team manager, Liam Tuohy, freely using four-letter words.

In the book, called *The Team That Jack Built*, by the journalist, Paul Rowan, Charlton is quoted as saying Stapleton was "a begrudger" whom he should never have taken to the 1990 World Cup finals, while of Brady he allegedly said: "In my opinion he was gone. He had a bad leg for a long time and he just wasn't the Liam we knew and loved." Brady retired from international football in September 1989 after Charlton substituted him early on during a match against Germany.

"It's nonsense to suggest that I'm going to resign over this," Charlton said. "I am now in the process of selecting a team to meet Northern Ireland in Belfast next month and I hope to be around to lead them to the finals of the 1996 European championship in England."

Dublin newspapers had previously reported "sources" saying Charlton was on the verge of resigning and that he was "furious" over the book.

The president of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI), Louis Kilcoyne, said yesterday: "Jack is entitled to express his personal views. He still has our full support and we want him to continue his job of taking us to the finals of the European championship."

The FAI's chief executive, Sean Connolly, added: "We have had hundreds of calls from supporters saying that all this is a storm in a teacup and should be treated with contempt. There is 100 per cent backing for Jack and no negative responses.

"We've spoken to Jack and there is no question of him resigning unless people want him to. There's no chance of that. What we are hearing from the supporters is that they think all this is crazy and wish people would just let Jack alone to get on with the job."

Charlton, who is in Portugal at a coaching seminar, claimed many of his remarks were off the record, but did not deny using strong language. He said he had given an interview to Rowan during a car drive to Sligo in the west of Ireland and then carried on talking off the record, believing Rowan had switched off his tape recorder.

Football's fearsome threesome prove a hard act to follow

Mel Webb tackles a triumvirate of old stagers now planning to get their kicks on the cabaret circuit

When the history of British football is examined by future generations, the names of Bill Shankly, Don Revie and Matt Busby will be writ large in the glory years of the Sixties and Seventies. They were the power-brokers of the English game, the men who moulded the way it was played.

Their teams reflected their characters and yet, to a greater or lesser extent, they all accepted that vital cogs ran the machines they sent out to play on the first division playing fields of England in those far-off days; they needed their destroyers, the men who stopped the other side from playing.

Shankly's Liverpool played football that was beautiful in its simplicity, but they could not have achieved what they did without Tommy Smith, the battle-toughened Scouser with an iron will and legs of seasoned teak, at the heart of the defence.

At Leeds United, Revie had a team that could play but could also, to a man, dish it out a bit — Reaney, Madeley, Charlton, Giles, Clarke and Bremner. And then there was Norman Hunter. Norman was special, a man who could have given lessons to Vlad the Impaler. He was the Norman who bit yer legs, the Norman who was Leeds's Scud missile — you knew with an awful inevitability when he was coming, but you couldn't do a darned thing about it.

Meanwhile, at Old Trafford, Busby moulded a team of a different stamp. They were a great, artistic team that seemed to espouse the higher values in this sporting life. And yet it was a team that included Nobby Stiles. The only noble thing that Nobby stood for was enthusiasm, but the team would perhaps not have been what it was without him.

Nobby, the myopic, balding, gap-toothed, cavorting hobgoblin, was not quite like the other two. Smith and Hunter were cold-faced assassins who did what they did for a living. Nobby, one always felt, would have done what he did for the sheer love of it.

The point of all this nostalgia is that Smith, Hunter and Stiles are about to embark on a tour of England to recall past glories and to share reminiscences of poor beknighted fools they have clattered into the fourth row of the standing enclosure. The show they put on is called — what else? — The Hard Men of Soccer, and they brought it to a nightclub on the fringes of Enfield in north London on Monday.

All three have stood the ravages of time remarkably well. Stiles, the eldest at 52 and with three grandchildren already to his name, is even more cherubic than he was in his pomp. Hunter, 50, has changed remarkably little. Off stage he is a quiet, polite, measured man, on it a born and gloriously profane raconteur.

At 49, Smith is the youngest of the three, but is possibly the least fit. Not that he concedes the fact willingly.

"Norman's got a bad back, Nobby's as blind as a bat and I've got two artificial knees," Smith said. "Everybody expects us to be as tough as we used to be — truth is, we couldn't kick our way out of a paper bag."

If this was a sample of what the show is going to be like when they take it on the road next year, it will pack them in as tight as sardines in a tin. And if it ever gets filmed, it will need an X-certificate at least.

Not one of their stories, sad to say, would bear repeating in the pages of a family newspaper. To defiant claims of "it's all in context", the language was, shall we say, industrial. It was strong stuff, not for the faint-hearted.

It was also hugely entertaining, and more than 200 lager-quaffing punters felt they had got their 30 quids' worth and more for a decent meal and a peep into the past. It was all done in the very worst of taste, and I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

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Mismatch worries surround title bout

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE matching of Sipho Moyo, the super-middleweight boxer from Zimbabwe, against Henry Wharton, the Commonwealth champion, at Leeds Town Hall tonight is a source of serious concern.

Moyo is believed to be well below the level of the world ranked Wharton and the bout is not expected to go more than one or two rounds. Moyo was beaten by one Arigoma Chipondo, another Zimbabwean, who was stopped in two rounds by Gary Delaney, of West Ham, last month.

So inept was Chipondo that the Commonwealth committee, the sanctioning body, has decided to have another look at the selection system for its challengers if Moyo's performance is as bad.

Simon Block, the secretary of the committee, said yesterday: "We were concerned about the performance of Chipondo. We believe Moyo will give a good account of himself. We will monitor his performance and, if necessary, take the matter back to the committee."

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FOOTBALL

Monday's results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leeds United 2 Leicester City 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stevenage 1 Welling 2.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replay: Chelmsford City 2 VS Rugby 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Hull City 0 Blackburn Rovers 3. Bristol Rovers 0 Oxford United 2. Postponed: Doncaster Rovers v Scunthorpe United.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 2 Derby County 3. Second division: Newcastle United 3 Huddersfield Town 0.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 0 Arsenal 1; Millwall 0 Charlton Athletic 1; Swindon Town 2 Norwich City 2. Queens Park Rangers 1 West Ham United 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton Athletic 2 Molesey 0. First division: Bognor Regis Town 1 Chertsey Town 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Chelmsford v VS Rugby.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ashton Utd 1 Alfreton Town 0. First division cup: First round: Workasop Town 5 Goole Town 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton Town 4 Crediton United 0.

FA PREMIER LEAGUE TROPHY (under-16): South Yorkshire 1 Cleveland 5.

FA PREMIER LEAGUE TROPHY (under-19): South Yorkshire 2 Cleveland 2.

INTER-CITY CHALLENGE (under-15): Bury 0 Sunderland 4.

IONSHIP: Lee-on-Solent 3 Richmond Town 2 (Lee-on-Solent qualify for finals).

WELWYN GARDEN CITY: Prince British junior championships: Finals: Boys: Under-12: J Wilstrop (Yorkshire) bt D Selby (Essex) 9-1, 9-0, 9-1. Under-14: J Smith (Yorkshire) bt J Kemp (Shropshire) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0. Girls: Under-12: J Duncalf (Yorkshire) bt C Kelly (Worcestershire) 9-10, 9-1, 9-1, 9-2. Under-14: D Lloyd-Walter (Middlesex) bt V Lankester (Suffolk) 2-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-6.

SUPER LEAGUE (home club player first): Cannons Club (London) 3 Walker Fernmond Manchester 0 (P Nicol bt P Gregory 10-8, 9-3, 9-5; A Hands bt M Heath 9-4, 9-5, 5-9, 5-7; S Perks bt N Taylor 9-5, 9-4, 9-2); ICL Lion Hants (Welwyn Garden City) 2 Rackets Club (Corringham, Essex) 1 (C Walker bt P Steel 9-6, 9-0, 9-5; B Norman lost to P Johnson 1-9, 7-9, 2-9; M Challoner bt N Cass 9-4, 9-1, 6-9, 9-3); Jim Hall Sports Northern (Manchester) 0 Welsh Back Wizards (Bristol) 3 (A Gough lost to J Nicolle 6-9, 6-9, 9-7, 2-9; G Davies lost to D Harris 3-9, 8-10, 7-9; A Hoss lost to A Davies 0-9, 3-9, 0-9); Cigmore Valley Dragons (Wales) 2 Lingfield (Surrey) 1 (P Wallock lost to S Meade 4-9, 9-1, 9-7, 3-9, 4-9; M Caims bt A Kirkland 9-3, 9-7, 9-2; C Van der Walt bt T Garner 9-3, 9-1, 6-9, 9-1. Standings: 1, Gennons Club 8pts; 2, ICL Lion Hants 8; 3, Welsh Back Wizards 8; 4, Ogmore Valley Dragons 4; 5, Rackets Club 4; 6, Jim Hall Sports Northern 2; 7, Walker Fernmond Manchester 2; 8, Lingfield 1.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Belle Vue 59 Reading 37.

TENNIS

ESSEN: Women's tournament: First round: M Kochta (Ger) bt K Boogaat (Hol) 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; E Makarova (Russ) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; I Majoli (Cro) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; S Appelmans (Bel) bt W Probst (Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; M Hingis (Switz) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-1, 9-0; L Meskhi (Geo) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt C Martinez (Sp) 7-5, 6-4; M Hingis (Switz) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-1, 6-0; S Appelmans (Bel) bt W Probst (Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; L Meskhi (Geo) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

SANTIAGO, Chile: Men's tournament: First round: S Dosedel (Cz Rep) bt O Martinez (Sp) 6-2, 6-4; G Schaller (Austria) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-3, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt K Alami (Mor) 7-5, 6-4; M Filippini (Uru) bt S Cortes (Chile) 6-3, 1-6, 7-6; A Corretja (Sp) bt L Mezzer (Bri) 6-3, 6-3; J Frana (Arg) bt O Grass (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; F Meligeni (Bri) bt G Silberstein (Chile) 6-4, 6-2.

STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: First round: N Kiki (Swe) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; A Bostich (Fr) bt K Braasch (Ger) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; R Reneberg (US) bt M Washington (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; G Forget (Fr) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; L Rehmann (Ger) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Larsson (Swe) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-1, 7-6; D Wheaton (US) bt J Svensson (Swe) 7-6, 6-2; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 7-6, 6-3; J Apell (Swe) bt H Holm (Swe) 6-2, 6-4.

BASINGSTOKE: LTA Autumn satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: Quarter-finals: A Richardson bt R Wassen (Holl) 7-6, 1-0 ret; P Hand bt G Bastl (Switz) 7-6, 6-3; G Henderson bt A Pretzsch (Ger) 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; T Spinks bt P Pala (Cz) 6-4 6-2.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,740pts; 2, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 3,217; 3, M Stich (Ger) 3,189; 4, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,727; 5, S Edberg (Swe) 2,697; 6, B Becker (Ger) 2,533; 7, M Chang (US) 2,468; 8, A Agassi (US) 2,417; 9, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,361; 10, T Martin (US) 2,312; 11, W Ferreira (SA) 2,115; 12, A Medvedev (Ukr) 2,090; 13, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 1,961; 14, J Courier (US) 1,809; 15, M Rosset (Switz) 1,692; 16, T Muster (Austria) 1,816; 17, M Gustafsson (Swe) 1,378; 18, R Krajicek (Holl) 1,354; 19, P Korda (Cz) 1,317; 20, C Costa (Sp) 1,294. British: 98, J Bates 495; 101, M Peschey 476; 165, T Henman 261; 190, C Wilkinson 217; 248, R Matheson 145; 266, N Gould 132; 289, A Foster 130; 293, M Macilegan 118; 295, G Henderson 117; 313, Danny Sapsford 106.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: First leg (from Charleston to Cape Town): Class one: 1, Ecureuil Poitou-Charente 2 (J Autissier, Fr) 35days 8hrs: 52mins. Other positions (at 05:00GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): Class one: 2, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 810 miles; 3, Sloto Cabasson (C Auguis, Fr) 1,086; 4, Vandee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 1,191; Ben Vio (J Provoyeur, SA) 1,201; 5, B Coyote (D Scully, US) 1,343; 7, Thruxday's Child (A Taylor, US) 2,452. Class two: 1, 2, *True Blue* (D Adams, Aus) 1,088; 2, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 1,172; 3, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 2,037; 4, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 2,075; 5, Sky-Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 2,447; 6, Comwell (R Davis, GB) 3,045; 7, Shuten-Doji II (M Saito, Japan) 3,059; 8, Protect Our Seattle (N Peterson, SA) 3,283; 9, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 3,288; 10, *Town of Carvie* (S Blanchet, It) 3,363; 11, Cardiac 88 (F Romack, US) 4,154.

BASKETBALL

Answers from page 48

HESVAN

(b) The eighth month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year and the second month of the civil year, corresponding to parts of October and November, also formerly called *Bul*. Hebrew perfect year has 355 days, and is when the months of Hesvan and Kislev have each 30 days."

ISPAGHUL

(c) A plantain, especially *Plantago ovata*, native to India and Persia, the dried seeds of which are used medicinally. Hindi from the Persian *asp* horse + *gol* ear, in allusion to the shape of the ears or seeds. "Ispaghul seeds have long been highly valued in India and other parts of the East for their cooling and demulcent properties."

ITHEL

(c) A tamarisk, *Tamarix aphylla*, bearing panicles of pink flowers and minute leaves, native to western Asia and north-east Africa, from the local Arabic name. "The Ithel, a tree grown in every village of Central Arabia."

MIASMAL

(a) Foggy, misty, the adjective from the Greek *miasma* infectious or noxious exhalations from putrescent organic matter, related to *miainein* to pollute. "At New Year the miasma from the lagoon shrouds Venice in cold silver for lovers."

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Controversial forward's tour debut

Van der Bergh has first chance to live down reputation

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

SADLY, for rugby union, one of the focal points of the game this evening between Wales A and the touring South Africans at Newport will be the first sighting for the Welsh public of Elandre van der Bergh, the back-row forward who could probably publish a book of the essays written about him since last summer.

It is a problem that both player and team management have to live with. Van der Bergh gained notoriety in Port Elizabeth last June, when he was involved in the incident that forced Jonathan Callard, the England full back, off the field, blood streaming from his face, during the game against Eastern Province. An inquiry cleared van der Bergh of "intentional" wounding.

When the South Africans arrived last week, van der Bergh, 27, expressed his sorrow that Callard was so badly injured, but the memory will not be expunged until the player has proved over and over on the pitch that his game warrants his elevation to international status (he won his one cap as a replacement against Argentina earlier this month) and that he has the personal discipline to match.

The back-row forward, playing No 8 at Rodney Parade though he has locked his provincial scrum, is part of a team facing the same problems as did its colleagues in Cardiff last Saturday: muddy playing conditions, slippery ball, different legal interpretations (last week the referee was Scottish, tonight he is English, next Saturday he will be Irish).

At least, in Kevin Putt, the Natal scrum half making his first appearance in a South Africa jersey, they have a player accustomed from his youth with conditions approximating to Britain. Putt was born and brought up in Waikato, on New Zealand's North Island, but moved to South Africa three years ago.

Whether a Wales A team lacking any Llanelli players can genuinely be described as a national second XV is a matter for debate. The touring team plays Llanelli on Saturday, so none of that club's players were considered; even so, there are seven internationals in the A side.

The side has had little enough opportunity to gather unit skills, but such young players as Barrie Williams and Rob Appleyard will regard the match as a prime occasion to display their ability. So will Derwyn Jones, the Cardiff lock, who, remarkably at 6ft 10in, finds himself overshadowed by a young pretender from England.

International rugby union's physical dimensions have been extended through the seven-foot barrier, now that England have chosen Richard Metcalfe to play lock against Ireland in the under-21 international in Belfast on November 8. At 7ft 1in and 19st, Metcalfe also has his eye on a senior England cap.

Metcalfe, 20, was born in Leeds and joined Newcastle Gosforth from Sandal in 1992 after only starting to play at 16. "I never took it seriously until I got to Newcastle, but now I know I can get places by training," he said. "Now I've got the taste and I'm desperately keen to win an England cap."

He acknowledges the debt that he owes to Mick Mahoney, a former director of rugby at Newcastle who "kept me on the straight and narrow". Although overlooked by the North's under-21 selectors last season, he collected experience during his occasional forays into first-division rugby and his selection for the match in Belfast, alongside his second-row partner, Gareth Archer, and club No 8, Martin Corry, is a tribute to Newcastle's developing young team.

"There's a great feeling at the club about this," Metcalfe said. "The three of us function very much as a unit." They probably have to: so tall a player can unbalance the scrum and Corry is the one who has to adjust. But coaching from the former England prop, Colin White, will help overcome problems and Metcalfe is developing his flexibility by throwing the discus.

He has taken up the activity under the guidance of the former British international, Arthur Mackenzie, and the exercises involved have increased his co-ordination skills for rugby. Newcastle, and England, are delighted.

TEAMS

WALES A: M Back (Bridgend); D Manley (Pontypridd), S Lewis (Pontypridd), M Taylor (Pontypool), N Walker (Cardiff); A Davies (Cardiff), P John (Cardiff, captain); I Buckett (Swansea), B Williams (Neath), L Mustoe (Cardiff), S Davies (Swansea), P Arnold (Swansea), D Jones (Cardiff), R Appleyard (Swansea), S Williams (Neath).

SOUTH AFRICANS: G Johnson; J Olivier, J Mulder, M Linee, P Hendriks; H le Roux, K Putt; P du Randt, J Dalton, T Laubscher, R Kruger, J Wiese, P Schutte, R Straeuli (captain), E van der Bergh.

Referee: A Spreadbury (England).

ENGLAND UNDER-21: T Stimpson (Wakefield); A Healy (Orrell), N Greenstock (Wasps), J Keyter (Harlequins), J Naylor (Orrell); S Howard (Blackheath), A Gomarsall (Wasps); M Volland (Northampton), N McCarthy (Bath), N Webber (Moseley), P Scrivener (Wasps), G Archer (Newcastle Gosforth), R Metcalfe (Newcastle Gosforth), K Yates (Wakefield), M Corry (Newcastle Gosforth, captain). Replacements: N Ryan (Waterloo), M Chudleigh (Bristol), M Denney (Bristol), S Kneale (West Hartlepool), P Shadbolt (Saracens), A Pountney (Northampton).

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Van der Bergh, of Eastern Province, gets to grips with Simon Shaw, of England, last June

SPORT IN BRIEF

Burghley attracts three-year backing

BRITAIN's premier autumn three-day event, the Burghley Horse Trials, is to be sponsored by Pedigree Chum in a three-year deal believed to be worth nearly £600,000 (Jenny MacArthur writes). The contract is in addition to the pet food company's existing series of nine one-day horse trials.

The Burghley deal will run until 1997, the year in which the Lincolnshire venue is hoping to stage the European Championships. Burghley's swift replacement of its former sponsors, Remy Martin, reflects the growing commercial interest in the sport since Britain took the senior team gold medal at the world championships in The Hague in July.

☐ Virginia Elliot, the former world and European champion, has been appointed jump training co-ordinator to the Great Britain team.

Tigers are underdogs

BASKETBALL: Thames Valley Tigers meet Croatia Insurance Split in the European Cup tonight believing their status as underdogs could work in their favour. "They saw us loose to Saint-Brieuc, a French second division team, by 30 points," the Thames Valley coach, Mike Bett, said. "They won't rate us too highly."

Reward for Thomson



EQUESTRIANISM: Mary Thomson, right, part of Britain's victorious three-day event team in the world championships at The Hague, was rewarded for her consistency yesterday when she received a British Horse Society award for the second year running. Thomson, 33, from Devon, won the Tony Collings Memorial Trophy for gaining most points during the season.

Defeat for Martínez

TENNIS: Conchita Martinez, the Wimbledon champion, who made a controversial exit from the Brighton tournament last week, was beaten in the first round of the Nokia Grand Prix in Essen, Germany, yesterday. Martinez, the top seed, went down 7-5, 6-4 to Natalia Medvedeva, of Ukraine, the defending champion.

Vaughan keeps place

YACHTING: Niah Vaughan, the leading British competitor in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race, maintained a tenuous hold on third place within the 50ft class yesterday. His lead over Alan Nebauer's *Newcastle Australia* was down to just 11 miles at 08:00 yesterday, with 2,000 miles still to cover on the first stage to Cape Town.

Monarchs name coach

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Bobby Hammond is the new head coach of London Monarchs. The former New York Giants and Washington Redskins running back is an assistant with Philadelphia Eagles and will join the Monarchs when the Eagles' season ends. The World League of American Football season will start on April 8.

Record rally entry

MOTOR RALLYING: A record entry of 188 was announced yesterday for the British RAC Rally, the final round of the 1994 world championship. Didier Auriol, of France, leads Carlos Sainz, of Spain, by 11 points and fourth place would assure him of the championship for the first time. The four-day, 1,473-mile event starts in Chester on November 20.

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The aim is to select the 15 players who will amass the highest score in the Courage Clubs Championship. Scores are calculated by multiplying each player's actual score by a rating factor, based on his past scoring record.

THE LEADING 50 ENTRIES

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Notts One	Mr Justin Nott	305	3122
2 Pendean	Mr JTD Jones	178	2866
3 Ll Wanderers	Mr Christopher Jones	345	2855
4 Baby in Waiting	Mr Gary Pierce	86	2846
5 Fish City XV	Mr P Hyland	381	2770
6 No team name	Mr D MacNally	140	2745
7 Julian Clareys	Mr D Crane	277	2702
8 Dillicuishire	HLB Etherton	18	2672
9Who Ate All The	Mr Steve Blake	183	2667
10 Dribblings	Mr M Dickson	140	2639
11 Telegraph Reader	Mr R Owsley	233	2624
12 ES Vilry	Mr T Nadin	68	2613
13 Beaufort Bruiser	Mr M Patterson	68	2611
14 No team name	Mr R Stackpole	265	2604
15 Old Bognarians	TGP Spurle	68	2595
16 Toppers XV	P Gorring	345	2590
17 The Cobblers	Mr T Harrison	185	2587
18 Linden	Mr A Newbold	86	2571
19 Crash Ball Viper	Mr D Edwards	343	2566
20 The Oggies	G Hicks	110	2550
21 Normans Laddies	Mr John Norman	140	2549
22 Dave's Boys	Mr William Dempsey	208	2541
23 Windsor's XV	Mr W Roberts	295	2541
24 Improbables	Mr MS Ellis	68	2536
25 Shelleys NotHere	Mr Tim Pearce	283	2534
26 Lamb Chops XV	Mr M Deasy	68	2531
27 Walham Fifteen	Mr Simon Stone	185	2530
28 Dixons Duds	M Dixon	45	2528
29 Eve 4 England	Mr John Howard	68	2526
30 Belmont	Mrs Farida McFarland	18	2515
31 Exterminators	Mr R Pepperill	365	2515
32 Untouchables	Mr A Purvis	233	2494
33 Sabre's XV	RW Evans	68	2484
34 Ale	Ms Jennifer Fitton	18	2482
35 Owls On Top	Mr A Hibberd	340	2480
36 Moose Selct XV	Mr R McKinlay	68	2479
37 Grimeys Grittiers	Mr G Neal	68	2458
38 DLSP RFC	Mr M McCrum	0	2453
39 No team name	Mr R Martin	226	2448
40 Second XV	D Ewart	68	2446
41 Cosby Saints	Mr HE Hughes	138	2442
42 Greyvalley 6's	Mr G Utteridge	27	2440
43 Sunbury Stickers	Mr M Burke	208	2436
44 Playtub Aurras	Mr P Astbury	128	2432
45 Bristol Cream	Mr E Howard	68	2431
46 Cherry Stones	Mr IB Dickson	0	2430
47 Chesham Stags	Mr N McHale	206	2426
48 Rafs Rovers	Mr K Lynch	263	2424
49 The All Soul's 1	P James	88	2421
50 Newky Gnomes	RW Eeles	201	2420

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORE

Due almost exclusively to his selection of Hetherington (Newcastle Gosforth), Green (Saracens) and Douglas (Coventry), who achieved rated scores of 165, 140 and 110 points respectively, the winner in this, the lowest-scoring week yet, is **Mr J White of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire,** with 486 rated points. He wins two cases of Courage beer and a fully-installed BT satellite system. His nominated club is Saracens, which receives five cases of Courage Directors Bitter, a Courage Best England shirt and a training shirt signed by the England squad.

Following the delayed processing of the amendment to his original invalid selection, Mr J Nott of Bristol leaps into the overall lead with a cumulative score of 3,122 rated points for his team "Notts 1".

Judges' Ruling:

In Week Six R. Thompson of Wakefield (No 99) scored a try with which he was not credited in our scores table. This error has been corrected and the cumulative scores have been updated.

Surprisingly, the best weekly score was not affected and Mr Morrell remains the rightful winner for the week.

THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

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PLAYER	CLUB	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
1 J CALLARD	Bath	2K	10	30	105
2 P HULL	Bristol	11	0	0	55
3 M MAPLETOFT	Gloucester	4K	6	24	220
4 D PEARS	Harlequins	15	0	0	0
5 W KILFORD	Leicester	17	0	0	0
6 I HUNTER	Northampton	13	0	0	65
7 S TABERNER	Orrell	18	0	0	0
8 J MALLINDER	Sale	18	0	0	180
9 A BUZZA	Wasps	17	0	0	0
10 K OLIPHANT	West Hartlepool	5K	2	12	312
LEAGUE 2					
11 R GEE	Coventry	16	0	0	0
12 A PARKER	Fylde	5K	8	40	275
13 R HENNESSY	London Irish	19	0	0	285
14 D MILLARD	London Scottish	15	0	0	240
15 C DOSSETT	Moseley	17	0	0	0
16 S MASON	Newcastle Gosforth	5K	8	35	504
17 M GALLAGHER	Nottingham	7K	0	0	434
18 A TUNNINGLEY	Saracens	4K	12	48	284
19 M JACKSON	Wakefield	5K	20	100	408
20 S SWINDELLS	Waterloo	4K	10	40	288
14. RIGHT WING					
21 A SWIFT	Bath	10	5	50	150
22 D JOHN	Bristol	12	0	0	60
23 P HOLFORD	Gloucester	14	0	0	140
24 J KEYTER	Harlequins	16	0	0	80
25 T UNDERWOOD	Leicester	10	0	0	100
26 H THORNEYCROFT	Northampton	15	0	0	0
27 J NAYLOR	Orrell	12	0	0	60
28 S VERBICKAS	Sale	7	5	35	105
29 P HOPLEY	Wasps	11	0	0	55
30 O EVANS	West Hartlepool	12	0	0	0
31 B EVANS	Coventry	14	0	0	0
32 B HANAVAN	Fylde	9K	5	45	135
33 M CORCORAN	London Irish	6K	3	18	546
34 T WATSON	London Scottish	10	5	50	50
35 D HANSON	Moseley	12	0	0	65
36 D CASADO	Newcastle Gosforth	13	0	0	0
37 R BYROM	Nottingham	14	0	0	0
38 M KEMP	Saracens	16	0	0	0
39 K MORLEY	Wakefield	19	0	0	195
40 G MEREDITH	Waterloo	14	0	0	0
13. OUTSIDE CENTRE					
41 P DE GLANVILLE	Bath	13	0	0	65
42 A SAVERIMUTTO	Bristol	9	0	0	0
43 B MASLEN	Gloucester	17	0	0	0
44 G THOMPSON	Harlequins	16	0	0	240
45 I BATES	Leicester	17	0	0	0
46 K MORGAN	Northampton	16	0	0	0
47 S LANGFORD	Orrell	7K	3	21	245
48 J BAXENDELL	Sale	17	0	0	85
49 D HOPLEY	Wasps	14	0	0	350
50 A ELWINE	West Hartlepool	22	0	0	0
51 M CURTIS	Coventry	22	0	0	0
52 P SEED	Fylde	18	0	0	0
53 R HENDERSON	London Irish	19	0	0	380
54 M SLY	London Scottish	28	0	0	0
55 J BONNEY	Moseley	20	0	0	0
56 R WILKINSON	Newcastle Gosforth	13	0	0	
200					
57 A FURLEY	Nottingham	22	0	0	110
58 J BUCKTON	Saracens	16	0	0	0
59 A METCALFE	Wakefield	22	0	0	0
60 A NORTHEY	Waterloo	23	0	0	115
12. INSIDE CENTRE					
61 J GUSCOTT	Bath	10	0	0	0
62 R KNIBBS	Bristol	13	0	0	380
63 S MORRIS	Gloucester	18	0	0	50
64 W CARLING	Harlequins	12	0	0	0
65 S POTTER	Leicester	13	0	0	0
66 N BEAL	Northampton	8	0	0	280
67 I WYNN	Orrell	14	0	0	170
68 G STOCKS	Sale	17	0	0	240
69 G CHILDS	Wasps	19	0	0	150
70 P HODDER	West Hartlepool	15	0		
71 M LAKEY	Coventry	12	0	0	135
72 S GOUGH	Fylde	17	0	0	85
73 S BURNS	London Irish	14	0	0	0
74 R ERICKSON	London Scottish	15	0	0	0
75 A KERR	Moseley	7K	0	0	63
76 M TETLOW	Newcastle Gosforth	20	0	0	0
77 B MUSTO	Nottingham	21	0	0	105
78 S RAVENSCROFT	Saracens	19	0	0	0
79 P WHITE	Wakefield	20	0	0	0
80 A HANDLEY	Waterloo	18	0	0	0
11. LEFT WING					
81 S GEOGHEGAN	Bath	10	0	0	0
82 S CROSSLAND	Bristol	12	0	0	0
83 T SMITH	Gloucester	5K	0	0	75
84 D O'LEARY	Harlequins	7	0	0	35
85 R UNDERWOOD	Leicester	11	0	0	0
86 C MOIR	Northampton	14	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	Orrell	13	0	0	0
88 M APPLESON	Sale	18	0	0	160
89 S HUNTER	Wasps	14	0	0	140
90 D COOKE	West Hartlepool	14	0	0	70
91 D WOODMAN	Coventry	11	0	0	0
92 G ANDERTON	Fylde	15	5	75	150
93 V ROLANDI	London Irish	12	0	0	0
94 S WICHARY	London Scottish	9	3	27	135
95 E ANDERSON	Moseley	14	0	0	0
96 T PENN	N'cle Gosforth	12	0	0	120
97 A SMALLWOOD	Nottingham	9	0	0	45
98 P HARRIES	Saracens	12	0	0	120
99 R THOMPSON	Wakefield	13	0	0	195
100 S GREENHALGH	Waterloo	16	0	0	0
10. STAND-OFF					
101 M CATT	Bath	10	5	50	250
102 M TAINTON	Bristol	2K	14	28	182
103 L OSBORNE	Gloucester	10	0	0	0
104 P CHALLINOR	Harlequins	7K	0	0	315
105 J HARRIS	Leicester	2K	15	30	154
106 P GRAYSON	Northampton	3K	9	27	381
107 G AINSCOUGH	Orrell	8K	0	0	66
108 P TURNER	Sale	3K	7	21	153
109 R ANDREW	Wasps	2K	10	20	182
110 J STABLER	West Hartlepool	5K	0	0	50
111 R ANGELL	Coventry	5K	12	60	288
112 I BARCLAY	Fylde	17	3	51	323
113 O COBBE	London Irish	22	0	0	68
114 M WALKER	London Scottish	5K	0	0	225
115 S HODGKINSON	Moseley	5K	9	45	365
116 I CHANDLER	N'cle Gosforth	6K	0	0	45
117 N CARROLL	Nottingham	12	0	0	0
118 A LEE	Saracens	13	0	0	221
119 R PETT	Wakefield	10	0	0	0
120 N RYAN	Waterloo	24	0	0	458
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 J SANDERS	Bath	16	0	0	80
122 K BRACKEN	Bristol	19	0	0	0
123 S FENLEY	Gloucester	15	0	0	0
124 R KITCHIN	Harlequins	18	0	0	0
125 A KARDOONI	Leicester	19	0	0	95
126 M DAWSON	Northampton	16	0	0	80
127 D MORRIS	Orrell	12	5	60	60
128 C SAVERIMUTTO	Sale	22	0	0	0
129 S BATES	Wasps	16	0	0	0
130 J WRIGLEY	West Hartlepool	14	0	0	0
131 M DOUGLAS	Coventry	22	5	110	440
132 C O'TOOLE	Fylde	23	0	0	0
133 R SAUNDERS	London Irish	19	0	0	95
134 K TROUP	London Scottish	23	0	0	414
135 G BECCONSALL	Moseley	20	0	0	0
136 S DOUGLAS	N'cle Gosforth	14	0	0	0
137 A ROYER	Nottingham	24	0	0	0
138 B DAVIES	Saracens	19	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	Wakefield	18	0	0	48
140 S WRIGHT	Waterloo	25	5	125	125
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	Bath	33	0	0	0
142 A SHARP	Bristol	41	0	0	0
143 A WINDO	Gloucester	38	0	0	0
144 J LEONARD	Harlequins	35	0	0	0
145 G ROWNTREE	Leicester	37	0	0	0
146 M HYNES	Northampton	40	0	0	0
147 P WINSTANLEY	Orrell	38	0	0	114
148 P SMITH	Sale	46	0	0	0
149 G HOLMES	Wasps	37	0	0	0
150 P LANCASTER	West Hartlepool	44	0	0	0
151 G TREGALIS	Coventry	45	0	0	0
152 C BURNS	Fylde	44	0	0	0
153 N DONOVAN	London Irish	33	0	0	0
154 A STEWART	London Scottish	45	0	0	0
155 M LINNETT	Moseley	30	0	0	150
156 M FRASER	N'cle Gosforth	39	0	0	0
157 M FREER	Nottingham	46	0	0	0
158 R ANDREWS	Saracens	37	0	0	0
159 R SZABO	Wakefield	38	0	0	0
160 S PETERS	Waterloo	39	0	0	0
2. HOOKER					
161 G DAWE	Bath	34	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	Bristol	40	0	0	200
163 D KEARSEY	Gloucester	38	0	0	0
164 B MOORE	Harlequins	35	0	0	175
165 R COCKERILL	Leicester	38	0	0	0
166 A CLARKE	Northampton	40	0	0	0
167 T REDMOND	Orrell	39	0	0	0
168 S DIAMOND	Sale	33	0	0	0
169 K DUNN	Wasps	36	0	0	0
170 S MITCHELL	West Hartlepool	31	0	0	0
171 D ADDLETON	Coventry	45	0	0	0
172 A MOFFAT	Fylde	47	0	0	0
173 R KELLAM	London Irish	39	0	0	0
174 L MAIR	London Scottish	42	0	0	0
175 D BALL	Moseley	36	0	0	0
176 A HETHERINGTON	N'cle Gosforth	33	5	165	165
177 D WEST	Nottingham	25	0	0	0
178 G BOTTERMAN	Saracens	41	0	0	0
179 T GARNETT	Wakefield	37	5	185	185
180 M HAYTON	Waterloo	46	0	0	0
3. TIGHT HEAD PROP					
181 V UBOGU	Bath	20	0	0	0
182 D HINKINS	Bristol	41	0	0	0
183 A DEACON	Gloucester	32	0	0	0
184 A MULLINS	Harlequins	39	0	0	0
185 D GARFORTH	Leicester	35	0	0	0
186 C ALLEN	Northampton	40	0	0	0
187 J CUNDICK	Orrell	44	0	0	0
188 A SMITH	Sale	40	0	0	0
189 I DUNSTAN	Wasps	37	0	0	185
190 D RUSBY	West Hartlepool	46	0	0	0
191 R HARDWICK	Coventry	39	0	0	0
192 S RIGBY	Fylde	40	0	0	0
193 G HALPIN	London Irish	38	0	0	180
194 P BURNELL	London Scottish	42	0	0	0
195 N WEBBER	Moseley	45	0	0	0
196 P VANZANDVLIET	N'cle Gosforth	32	0	0	190
197 A JACKSON	Nottingham	36	0	0	0
198 S WILSON	Saracens	36	0	0	0
199 S MCMAIN	Wakefield	38	0	0	0
200 M BECKETT	Waterloo	38	0	0	0
4. LOCK RH					
201 N REDMAN	Bath	30	0	0	0
202 S SHAW	Bristol	37	0	0	0
203 R WEST	Gloucester	41	0	0	0
204 A SNOW	Harlequins	30	0	0	0
205 M JOHNSON	Leicester	32	0	0	320
206 N EDWARDS	Northampton	36	0	0	0
207 C COOPER	Orrell	37	0	0	0
208 D BALDWIN	Sale	31	0	0	155
209 R KINSEY	Wasps	35	0	0	175
210 J DIXON	West Hartlepool	34	0	0	0
211 J HYDE	Coventry	48	0	0	0
212 P O'NEIL	Fylde	46	0	0	0
213 C HALL	London Irish	42	0	0	0
214 A NESBET	London Scottish	40	0	0	0
215 G WATSON	Moseley	36	0	0	0
216 J FOWLER	N'cle Gosforth	40	0	0	0
217 D HINDMARCH	Nottingham	48	0	0	0
218 M LANGLEY	Saracens	43	0	0	0
219 S CROFT	Wakefield	40	0	0	0
220 P WHITE	Waterloo	48	0	0	240
5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	Bath	39	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	Bristol	38	0	0	0
223 D SIMS	Gloucester	36	0	0	180
224 B DAVISON	Harlequins	40	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	Leicester	34	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	Northampton	32	0	0	0
227 C CUSANI	Orrell	40	0	0	0
228 R MCCARTNEY	Sale	39	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	Wasps	32	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	West Hartlepool	46	0	0	0
231 R MACKIE	Coventry	37	0	0	0
232 J TAYLOR	Fylde	38	0	0	0
233 A HIGGINS	London Irish	38	0	0	180
234 R SCOTT	London Scottish	46	0	0	0
235 S LLOYD	Moseley	40	0	0	0
236 G ARCHER	N'cle Gosforth	40	0	0	400
237 C GRAY	Nottingham	42	0	0	0
238 M BURROW	Saracens	44	0	0	0
239 D FALKINGHAM	Wakefield	48	0	0	0
240 N ALLOTT	Waterloo	48	0	0	0
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER					
241 S OJOMOH	Bath	21	0	0	0
242 I PATTEN	Bristol	24	5	120	120
243 P GLANVILLE	Gloucester	27	0	0	0
244 T COKER	Harlequins	25	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	Leicester	24	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	Northampton	22	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	Orrell	29	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	Sale	18	0	0	0
249 M GREENWOOD	Wasps	27	0	0	135
250 D MITCHELL	West Hartlepool	33	0	0	0
251 L CROFTS	Coventry	34	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	Fylde	34	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	London Irish	29	0	0	0
254 I MORRISON	London Scottish	32	0	0	180
255 R POLL	Moseley	29	0	0	145
256 M CORRY	N'cle Gosforth	20	0	0	200
257 N BERRY	Nottingham	30	0	0	0
258 J GREEN	Saracens	28	5	140	420
259 P STEWART	Wakefield	32	0	0	160
260 D BLYTH	Waterloo	24	0	0	0
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	Bath	23	0	0	230
262 D EVES	Bristol	20	0	0	500
263 I SMITH	Gloucester	28	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	Harlequins	27	0	0	0
265 N BACK	Leicester	13	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	Northampton	29	0	0	0
267 S BIBBY	Orrell	26	0	0	0
268 N ASHURST	Sale	30	0	0	300
269 L DALLAGLIO	Wasps	27	0	0	270
270 A BROWN	West Hartlepool	29	0	0	0
271 J HORROBIN	Coventry	32	0	0	160
272 I ASHTON	Fylde	33	0	0	165
273 P NEARY	London Irish	29	0	0	0
274 I DIXON	London Scottish	30	0	0	0
275 M ORD	Moseley	28	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	N'cle Gosforth	26	0	0	0
277 G REES	Nottingham	33	0	0	0
278 R HILL	Saracens	16	0	0	0
279 J GRIFFITHS	Wakefield	34	0	0	0
280 P BUCKTON	Waterloo	33	0	0	330
8. NO 8					
281 B CLARKE	Bath	14	0	0	70
282 C BARROW	Bristol	21	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	Gloucester	22	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	Harlequins	20	0	0	200
285 D RICHARDS	Leicester	18	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	Northampton	16	0	0	0
287 D CLEARY	Orrell	15	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	Sale	22	5	110	330
289 D RYAN	Wasps	19	0	0	95
290 M WATSON	West Hartlepool	20	0	0	100
291 K HICKEY	Coventry	16	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	Fylde	21	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	London Irish	17	0	0	0
294 D LECKIE	London Scottish	22	0	0	0
295 W HART	Moseley	23	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	N'cle Gosforth	16	0	0	80
297 M BRADLEY	Nottingham	18	0	0	80
298 A DIPROSE	Saracens	19	0	0	190
299 M BOWERBY	Wakefield	27	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	Waterloo	29	0	0	145

Your current team selection is valid for the competiton which covers the full 18-match Courage Clubs Championship and for the competition covering the first half of the league season, ending November 5. After that date there will be the opportunity to enter a new selection for the competition covering the second half of the season (January 7 – April 29).

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Edwards takes safest option on appeal

By Christopher Irvine

REGAINING his scrum-half position, let alone the Great Britain captaincy, will hardly be straightforward for Shaun Edwards, who reconciled himself yesterday to missing the second rugby league international against Australia after abandoning an appeal against a three-match ban.

Should Phil Clarke, in the captain's role, and Bobby Goulding, outstanding at scrum half at Wembley, repeat their admirable stand-in performances at Old Trafford on Saturday week, Edwards could find his way back to leading the side blocked for the final John Smith's international on November 20.

There was a danger that, by appealing against his sentence by the international disciplinary committee, it might have been increased to include the match at Elland Road and, after considering this possibility, Edwards decided against tempting fate.

Edwards, once again, apologised for the reckless tackle on Bradley Clyde that led to his dismissal and stressed that he had received a fair hearing. "Captaining Britain was the proudest moment in my career. All I want to do now is to be there at Elland Road for the third international," he said.

Wales's long list of absentees and doubtfuls has brought about the inclusion in the 20-strong squad of Scott Quinnell for the Australia match on Sunday. In the month since joining Wigan from Llanelli, the former Wales rugby union forward has played two reserve-team games. Scott Gibbs will almost certainly make his debut in the side, which will not be named until Friday, with the Warrington pair, Jonathan Davies and Allan Bateman, struggling with injuries sustained at Wembley. Anthony Sullivan, the St Helens winger, removed one doubt after coming through a training session.

After losing 8–4 to Britain last Saturday, Australia's three intervening matches before the Old Trafford international have assumed a new significance. Against Sheffield Eagles tonight at Don Valley Stadium, the less experienced forwards, especially, can stake their claims for promotion, although Bobby Fulton, the Australia coach, is making no predictions yet as to possible changes.

WALES SQUAD: Backs: A Bateman (Warrington), G Cordle (Bradford), J Davies (Warrington, captain) J Devereux (Widnes) K Ellis (Warrington), P Ford (Salford), S Gibbs (St Helens), A Hadley (Widnes), I Harris (Warrington), J Lee (Warrington), D Powell (Bradford), A Sullivan (St Helens) Forwards: J Griffiths (St Helens), I Marlow (Hull), P Monaray (Halifax), M Perrett (Halifax), R Phillips (Warrington), S Quinnell (Wigan), A Webster (Salford), D Young (Salford)

Comic strip unfolds on field of play

COLIN ELSEY



Hamilton, the Leicester reserve substituting for Tony Underwood, provides a fairy-tale finish with the match-saving try against Bath

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

There was something inevitable about the story. It concerns Jamie Hamilton, rugby union player, a Leicester scrum half, but certainly not in the Leicester team. Then Tony Underwood, a man who has clearly made it his life's mission to demonstrate the unquenchable amateur spirit of his sport, failed to turn up on time for the top-of-the-table match with Bath.

After delaying the game for ten minutes to wait for him — ("Excuse me, Kenny, mind if we hang on until Ryan and Eric turn up?") — someone bunged Hamilton Underwood's jersey and told him to play out on the wing.

And the inevitable happened. Hamilton scored the try that saved the game for Leicester. Understudy becomes star. We have all read the story in a thousand comic strips: is it only in sport that life so remorselessly imitates art?

It happens again and again. The extraordinary and the fantastic not only come to pass, but do so with an air of inevitablity: as if there were a Natural Law by which sporting understudies became stars overnight.

There are many examples along this line of fantasy alone. Remember Nigel Spink in the European Cup final of 1982? Jimmy Rimmer, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, was injured early in the game: on came Spink, the sub. Played one league game in his life. Had a blinder. Villa won the cup.

Or John Daly, the golfer: ninth reserve for the US PGA championship of 1991, the fourth golfing major of the year. Got the call late. Drove 7½ hours through the night to get there. First time he saw the course was his opening round. Drove an average of 303.6 yards.

"He's longer than Fred Couples, he's longer than Greg Norman, he's even longer than *War and Peace*," the *Chicago Tribune* wrote. And he won. It was an extraordinary, a well-nigh ludicrous, result: "This is the greatest story in the world." That was the final summing up, and from Daly.

In 1985 John Francome, due to ride See You Then in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, fell off The Reject in the preceding race. Steve Smith Eccles jumped onto See You Then, a 16-1 shot, and promptly won that and the subsequent two Champion Hurdles.



Daly: major triumph

Such stories proliferate in sport. One of the greatest in history is Geoff Hurst, understudy to Jimmy Greaves in the 1966 World Cup. It is not, of course, the case that every understudy achieves greatness. The classic, touching story of the understudy who takes over from the star at a moment of crisis and makes a complete hash of it is also a staple of sporting life.

The point is that far more often than seems possible, far more often than in any other walk of life, the comic-strip scenario actually takes place. In politics, in business, in journalism, the ninth reserve simply cannot, overnight, become prime minister, chairman of ICI, editor of *The Times*.

I think there are two reasons for that: a boring reason and an interesting one. Let's get the boring one done with first: sport is *quantifiable*. You cannot measure political ability (a sleazometer?), business drive, journalistic nous. These matters lie in the sphere of opinion.

But if you can run 100 yards in less than ten seconds, you are a world-class athlete. Your colour and class have nothing to do with it. Handsome, ugly, charming, rude, articulate, silent: it doesn't matter if everyone hates you or everyone wishes you well.

The second reason is to do with the comic-strips themselves. It is not really surprising that comic-strip scenarios come to life in sport (but only in sport). In fact, sport presents us with the only possible chance to live life as if it were a comic strip.



Spink: fleeting glory

Sport is set about with artifice: a creator of heroes and villains, pickled gods and archetypes. We turn to sport because it is like life — but not all that much. In fact, sport is just a bit — or just a lot — like a comic strip.

Thus absurd opportunities come the way of unlikely people, and sometimes, far more often than seems natural, the opportunities are seized. Incredible results happen in sport about once a fortnight, and they are always utterly believable.

There is also, I think, among athletes, a real desire to be a comic-strip hero: to be Roy of the Rovers, Gorgeous Gus, Johnny Cougartche Redskin Wrestler, Desp Dumpy, Alf Tupper the Tough of the Track, Skid Solo, Rockfist Rogan, Battler Britten.

People of large personality always have the ability to impose their own fantasies on other people: to create in others a duty to conspire in these fantasies. But only in sport can these fantasies be imposed on reality itself. If you doubt this, then watch a tape of the Ashes series of 1981. Beefy Botham, the Tough of the Track, Cartoon made flesh.

Promoting the rank and file

First Act, *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

I have already patted Rosie Boulton vigorously on the back for her long-term vision. Four years is a long time for a producer to devote to the up-and-down fortunes of three aspiring actors and musicians, but it's paid off. Four years on, the quantum leap from extra (part-time) chorister with Scottish Opera — the 16th soldier to the left in the back row — to contract soloist with the English Opera Company. But you can be sure that the future cannot look all that grim if you get a good notice in *The Times*, and the tarot cards say you can't start counting your chickens.

The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes: The Three Garridebs, *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

David Ashton's dramatisation of this Sherlock Holmes tale credits the celebrated sleuth with more repartee than did Conan Doyle. "Women are fragrant," says Ashton's Dr Watson in unaccustomed romantic mood. "She's a chestnut blossom," Ashton's Holmes retorts in accustomed unromantic mood, "but one needn't marry it!" There is more will in the same vein. Conan Doyle would surely have enjoyed it all, regretting that it was Ashton, not he, who says *this* afternoon about a filthy rich American: "He is a sort of Croesus in Kansas." Of course, Conan Doyle was in waggish humour when he called this yarn *The Three Garridebs*. There is only one. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

5.00am Nicky Campbell 7.00 Simon Bates 9.30 Mark Goodier 12.30pm Gary Davies 2.30 Jo Whiley 5.00 Bruno Brookes 7.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 10.00 Pete Tong 12.00 Trevor Nelson 2.00am Nicky Campbell

RADIO 2

6.00am Ken Bruce 9.00 Terry Wogan 11.45 Paul Heiney 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 4.30 Ed Stewart 5.45 Paul Hurley 7.00 Radio 2 Young Tradition Award 1994. Jim Lloyd presents the final audition from the Pastel Room at London's South Bank Centre 8.30 The McCalmans's Highland Tour: from Portree Gathering Hall, Skye 9.00 Frank Hennessy's Wales 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jazzmakers 12.00am Charles Nove 2.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO FIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.30 and 7.55 Racing Results 8.45 The Magazine, including at 10.35 Eurosport 11.45 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mike, including at 12.30pm Motorcycle 2.05 Rugby League on Five 5.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 Sport 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Newcastle United v Manchester United 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.00am After Hours 2.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Angela Rippon 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 James Crick 5.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Nazzin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 M.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyle

RADIO 3

6.35am Weather 6.40 Elgar: Lied (Hungarian Rhapsody No 12 (r); Allegro minor); Weber (Overture: Der Concerto in D; Andante Ungarese Cebral; Talks (Extensions of Jeremiah, part 1); Verdi (Gloria all'Egitto; Marcia e battaglia, Aida); Chopin (Polonaise in A flat, Op 53); Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 4 in C minor). 9.00 Composer of the Week: Weber (Overture: Abu Hassen; Andante and Rondo Ungarese in C minor; Mass in E flat) 10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Michael Haffdi (Trumpet Concerto in D); Mozart (Piano Sonata in B flat); Dutilleux (Introit, Kyrie, Reliquiae); Szymanowski (Symphony No 3, Song of the Night); Paganini (Tarantella in D); Berlioz (Les Nuits d'été) 12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Alun Francis performs d'Albert (Piano Concerto No 2 in E, Piers Lane); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A) (r) 1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Lionel Blake, cello, Ivan Llewellyn-Jones, piano. Bach (Cello Suite No 2 in C, BWV 1009); Brahms (Cello Sonata in F, Op 99) 2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes, with Adrian Thompson, tenor, and the Hallé Choir. Herbert Howells (Stabat Mater) (r) 3.00 Record Review, presented by Anthony Burton. Building a Library: Graham Sadler reviews Bach (Four Orchestral Suites) (r)

4.00 Choral Evensong from St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London 5.15 Jazz Line-Up: Sarah Mallalieu presents the saxophonist Barbara Thompson 6.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen 7.30 Cardillac: Radio France Chorus and Philharmonic Orchestra under Marek Janowski perform Hindemith's opera about a goldsmith. With Theo Adam in the title role and Michelle Lagrange as his daughter 9.15 The Road to Mokolulakeek, by Heinar Müller. In *The Duel*, an East German factory manager in 1953 faces a strike led by his own junior manager. Will Russian tanks preserve the new state against anarchy? 9.30 The Schoenberg Quartets: The Arditti Quartet performs Schoenberg (Quartet No 3, Op 30) 10.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Markus Stenz performs Schumann (Symphony No 2 in C) 10.45 Night Waves: Christopher Cook explores the range of styles on show in the Dance Umbrella festival and talks to older dancers who have continued with their careers 11.30-12.30am Ensemble: In the first of three programmes of the music by Brahms, Jill Anderson introduces the Britten Quartet, with Bernard Roberts, piano. Brahms (Variations on a Hungarian Song, Op 21 No 2; String Quartet in C minor, Op 51 No 1; Variations on an Original Theme, Op 21 No 1)

RADIO 4

5.20am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.09 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.00 News; Gosling on France (FM only): Ray Gosling asks if French café society is in danger of becoming extinct 10.15 Children's Radio 4: The Spying Game (LW), by Pat Moon. Read by Richard Pasco (3/5) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time from Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln (r) 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Claire Brenan 12.27pm Kipling in Love: Lisbeth. The second of eight plays based on short stories by Rudyard Kipling, dramatised (or radio'd) by Ed Thomason. In India, in 1890, an elderly Indian woman relates a tale of love and loss to an English woman while she waits for a train. With Mamta Kissh and Dominic Letts 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes: The Three Garridebs. See Choice 2.45 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen on scary books 3.00 News; Anderson Country; Music and conversation with Gerry Anderson 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. *Brian Sibley reviews The Browning Version* by director Mike Figgis 4.45 Short Story: Tone Deaf. Written and read by Colin Johnson 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Rideau Britain Quiz. Paul Barker and Margaret Lesser from the North compete against the London team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts. John Waite investigates 7.45 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare on changing sex (r) 8.15 One Step Beyond: The World's Best Friend. New enhanced diamonds 8.45 First Act: See Choice 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.58 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Los Angeles Without a Map The sixth part of Richard Rayner's novel 11.00 Scotland Up the Fifties: Proletarian Palaces. Presented by Magnus Magnusson 11.30 Postcard from Gottland (SW only): Conversation with Mark Steyn and guests from the Rockefeller Center 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only) 12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Nicol achieves double top

By Colin McQuillan

PETER Nicol, the Scottish champion and world No 7, carried teams to the top of two national squash leagues in successive days, recording a victory over his great rival, Peter Marshall, the British champion and world No 3, in the process.

In the first weekend of the German *Bundesliga*, Nicol, playing at first string for Nürtingen, near Stuttgart, secured a 3-1 win over Dachau on Saturday and a 2-2 draw on Sunday with Ingolstadt, the European club champions, who are led by Marshall.

For Cannons Club, in their first home match of the British Super Squash League on Monday, the 21-year-old Scot defeated Paul Gregory, a former British champion, who was leading the line for Walker Farrimond Manchester, 10-8, 9-3, 9-5 to earn the point that took the London club clear of ICL Lion Herts, with a maximum nine points from three fixtures.

"I have beaten Marshall here and there in league and challenge matches," Nicol said. "It makes me even more determined to get a first win over him under tournament conditions."

The two were listed to play

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in the European Champion of Champions tournament in Lisbon next weekend but Marshall has decided to rest instead, in preparation for the JSM event early next month in Yokohama, Japan, where they would have to create a first all-British grand prix circuit final to meet.

"We both play for Cannons in the Super Squash League, so it might be the national championships in January before we meet again," Nicol said, recalling the classic national final between the pair at Herts Country Club at the start of this year.

On the Herts showcourt this week, the former world champion, 35-year-old Ross Norman, dropped the home club's second-string point, 9-1, 9-7, 9-2, to Paul Johnson, of Rackets Club, although Chris Walker and Mark Chaloner won well enough to keep the ICL Lion Herts squad ahead of the rest of the field.

Welsh Back Wizards moved into third place, on six points, with a 3-0 win over Jim Hall Sports Northern in Manchester. In Wales, Lingfield dropped to the foot of the table, losing 2-1 to Ogmore Valley Dragons, their third successive defeat.

FIXTURES AND TODAY'S TV

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Coca-Cola Cup
Third round
Aston Villa v Middlesbrough (7.45) .....
Blackburn v Coventry (7.45) .....
*Brighton v Swindon (7.45) .....
Newcastle v Man Utd (7.45) .....
Notts County v Tottenham (7.45) .....
Oldham v Arsenal (7.45) .....
Portsmouth v Derby (7.45) .....
Shelf Wed v Southampton (7.45) .....
Tranmere v Norwich (7.30) .....
West Ham v Chelsea (7.45) .....
Wolverhampton v Nottm Forest (7.45) .....

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final
Celtic v Aberdeen (8.0) .....
(at Ibrox)

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Replays: Warrington Town v Hyde United
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: *Corby Town v Sudbury Town*; Sittingbourne v Dorchester (7.45) Midland division: Dudley Town v Armitage (7.45); *Sutton Coldfield Tn v RC Warwick*. Southern division: Fareham Town v Poole Town.
Dr Martens Cup: First round, second leg: *Forest Green Rovers v Newport AFC*
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Winsford v Buxton First division Cup: *First round*: Congleton Town v Caernarfon Town
DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Collier Row v Epsom and Ewell
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: First round, second leg: Darwen v Holker Old Boys; Nantwich Town v Rossendale Utd; Penrith v Clitheroe; Cheadle Town v Kidsgrove Athletic.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Woolwich Town v Catford Wanderers.
PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Viking Sports v Parasol League XI.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham v Bolton (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Hull (7.0); Blackpool v Preston (7.0), Port Vale v Birmingham City (7.0); York v Bradford (7.0).
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Bristol Rovers (2.0); Oxford United v Tottenham; Wimbledon v Southampton (2.0). League Cup: Bournemouth v Exeter (2.0), Cardiff v Bath (7.45); Cheltenham v Swansea; Hereford v Birmingham (7.0), Plymouth v Torquay.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam v Glasshoughton Wel. President's Cup: First round: Brigg Town v Hall Road Rangers, Harrogate Ra v Thackley.
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Northampton Spencer v Long Buckby; Raunds v Wellingborough Whitworth; Oakwood v Broadbridge Heath; Steyning Town v Peacehaven and Telscombe.
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FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Leicester City v Kidderminster Harriers; Dulwich Hamlet v Feltham and Hounslow Boro.

RUGBY UNION
Tour match
Wales A v South Africa XV .....
(at Newport, 7.0)
Insurance Corporation League
First division
Lansdowne v Old Wesley (7.30) .....
ARMY MERIT TABLE: Royal Engineers v Royal Marines (at Chatham 2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE
John Smith's tour match
Sheffield v Australia XIII (7.30) .....

OTHER SPORT
BASKETBALL: European Cup: Third round, first leg: Thames Valley v Split (Cro) (8.0). 7-Up Trophy: Leicester v Sunderland (8.0).
BOXING: Commonwealth super-middleweight championship: Henry Wharton (York, holder) v Sipho Moyo (Zim) (Leeds).
LACROSSE: International match: England v World All Stars (Ewen Fields, Hyde 7.0).
SPEEDWAY: British League (7.30): First division: King's Lynn v Eastbourne.

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'Ere, 'ere, what's all this gratuitous violence?

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Much as the American film-maker Quentin Tarantino is a canny operator and cinematic wunderkind, he is definitely wrong about one thing. If you film a scene in which a policeman, bound and gagged in a warehouse, has his ear sliced off by a nutcase dancing to "Stuck in the Middle With You", your audience is probably going to remember it. It is vivid, Quentin, sorta sticks in the mind. It is therefore no use railing — as did a good-natured Tarantino in last night's entertaining **Omnibus** (BBC 1) — against unfair categorisation of *Reservoir Dogs* as "the movie where the guy gets his ear cut off".

Such a description may not do the movie justice, but too bad, such is the way of the world. People think all my television reviews are about cats; that *EastEnders* is only Greek tragedy with punch-ups (to which matter we will return, below). Anyway, in everyday shorthand, for *Reservoir Dogs* you have only to say "What's that one with the ear?" and Barry Norman will guess at once what you are talking about.

Since *Reservoir Dogs* is without a video certificate (and though Channel 4 acquired the television rights, there are no plans to screen it), David Thompson's *Omnibus* had some pretty clever footwork to do, to include representative clips (thus making it "The *Omnibus* where the guy gets his ear cut off" — there's no justice, is there?). And the solution was clever: to film an audience watching the scene — grimacing, curling, backing into their seats — and then cutting to Terry Gilliam saying that you don't see very much anyway.

Tarantino was his usual, excited-kid excellent value — happy to give a masterclass explaining cinema references in his own scripts: taking *Omnibus* to the now legendary video store where he worked in movie-geek nirvana. His personal great tradition did not include *Citizen Kane* or *The Magnificent Ambersons*, which made a nice change. Having heard so often about the influences on Martin Scorsese (*The Red Shoes, The Searchers*) it was refreshing when Tarantino pointed to *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*. This preference makes sense: the blend of mayhem, slapstick and scary violence is Tarantino's stuff exactly. (The other, lesser-known influence being *The Three Stooges Mutilate Each Other to Classic Pop Records.*)

Nigel looked justifiably worried last night in **EastEnders** (BBC 1). In the Vic, after the bewildered party-goers has obediently disbanded, people were naturally asking what Grant Mitchell would do, now that he finally knew the full bible-story truth about wife Sharon and brother Phil ("We was all over each other"): now that Michelle's incriminating time-bomb confessional tape had been broadcast to Phil and Kath's engagement well-wishers: and now that Grant had set his face in that staring, dangerous, mental look which is his particular speciality. "Do you think Grant will hurt Phil?" asked Debbie. Nigel shook his head. "Grant's only got three moods," he glumly replied, "happy, miserable and homicidal. It depends which one he's in when Phil finds him."

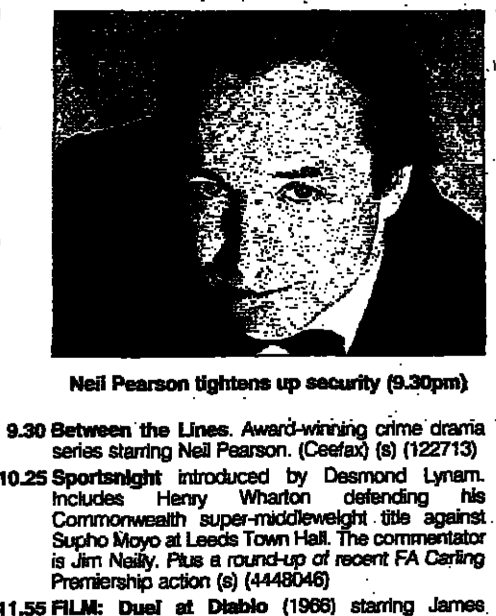
At last. The great Mitchell showdown, on the cards since May 1992, when Grant came out of jail. By rights, Grant should have stabbed his own eyes like Oedipus, but on the other hand, it was only half-past seven. "She loves you. I love you," Phil reasoned with him, once alone inside the darkened Arches. "I don't think you know what the word means," moaned Grant, his round eyes staring out of a wet face. "You want to know what love is? I'll tell you what love is. Love is not slamming your face through that wall. It's not ripping down the Vic brick by brick while she's inside it." Wow. Meanwhile Kathy sobbed her anger and humiliation on the floor of the caff; Sharon looked subdued, white and jumpy while she awaited Nemesis; and loyal-mate Michelle (who was of course shot by a maniac in the last empty-pub vigil) kept unbolting the Vic's doors for friends and then rather carelessly not bolting them up again.

Of course, it did all end in violence finally — Phil in the garage "pit", unmoving and with blood oozing from his head; Grant sitting dumb as though his life was over. Looking around at the emotional debris, one does wonder where it can all go from here — Grant's ignorance of the Big Secret was such a mainstay of one's interest. On the other hand, two and a half years is rather a long time for an audience to have the upper hand. Funny how the Albert Square reaction seemed irrelevant, after all this time. Pauline said Sharon needed her head testing — "Sleeping with one Mitchell is bad enough, but *both*?". Old news, Pauline; you've been left standing.

The **Alan Bleasdale Presents** season concluded with **Pleasure**, by Christopher Hood (Channel 4), advertised as a reworking of *Madame Bovary*, but a shame if anyone re-read Flaubert in anticipation. Starring Adrian Dunbar (Gustave) and Jennifer Ehle (Emma), it was a light, intriguing film about lovable, good-looking gangsters, rather too long, but capturing something of the reckless, French 1960s movies that inspired it. Parts of it were very funny, too, especially Emma's lies ("Isabel's father was an unfrocked priest who sold encyclopaedias"). But the increasing reliance of drama producers (and writers) on cinematic archetypes is getting awfully boring. Just because a film has style and nerve, glamour and violence, doesn't excuse it from needing a decent story and proper characters. Everyone's had their heads turned by Quentin Tarantino, that's the trouble. That man has a lot to answer for.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (24423)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34181249)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (5041210)
10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1883688)
10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Magazine series (s). Includes, at **11.00, News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (15075959)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1832152) **12.05pm Pebble Mill.** Ross King is joined by Billie Joe Spiers (s) (3246065) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (28813423)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (35978)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (89325268) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** presented by Philip Hayton (s) (89329084)
2.15 The Rockford Files. The first of a two-part case for Jim in which his client, who is involved in stock market manipulation, is kidnapped. Starring James Garner (r) (1516065)
3.00 Movie Magic. Hollywood's modelmakers (8152)
3.30 Secret Life of Toys (s) (4486591) **3.45 Noddy** (s) (7497238) **3.55 Mortimer and Arabel** (s) (4405626) **4.10 Dinobabies** (6161591) **4.35 Smart.** Art series. (Ceefax) (9392881)
5.00 Newsround. The announcement of the BT/Childline Awards for Services to Children (8785591) **5.10 Grange Hill** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5732442)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (237292). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (133)
6.30 Regional news magazines (713). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 FILM: Innerspace (1987) starring Dennis Quaid, Martin Short and Meg Ryan. Fantasy tale of a miniaturised man roaming round inside a hypochondriac. Directed by Joe Dante. (Ceefax) (s) (85914065)
8.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (s) (329626)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1084)

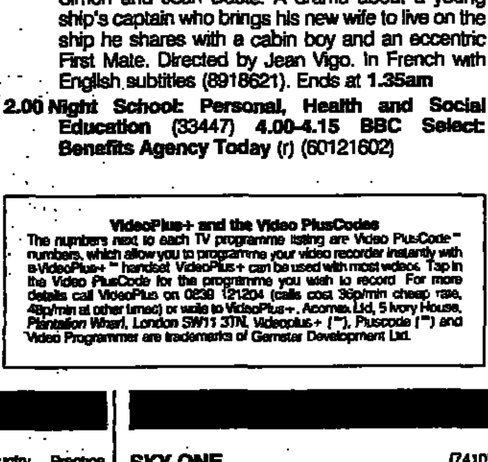


Neil Pearson tightens up security (9.30pm)

9.30 Between the Lines. Award-winning crime drama series starring Neil Pearson. (Ceefax) (s) (122713)
10.25 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Includes Henry Wharton defending his Commonwealth super-middleweight title against Supho Moyo at Leeds Town Hall. The commentator is Jim Neilly. *Plus a round-up of recent FA Carling Premiership action* (s) (4448046)
11.55 FILM: Duel at Diablo (1966) starring James Garner, Sidney Poitier and Bibi Andersson. Violent western drama on a racial theme about a caravan made up of a disparate collection of travellers being chased by marauding Indians Directed by Ralph Nelson (187171). **Wales:** 11.50-1.30 Film: Duel at Diablo
1.40am Weather (4600331)
4.00-4.45 BBC Select: TV Edits — French 3 TV1. Scrambled (5625824)

BBC2

7.00am Philbert the Frog (r) (s) (6648997) **7.05 Poddington Peas** (r) (6647268) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (Ceefax) (8759107) **7.35 Fan TC** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7432317)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (3294336)
8.15 Westminster Daily (5694249)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **9.45** Storytime (s) (8134046) **10.00-10.25** Playdays (r) (s) (2310997) **1.45** You and Me (66066220) **2.00** Penny Crayon (r) (37933930)
2.10 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (53970959)
2.35 Next. Marti Caine celebrates the lives and achievements of the over-50s (7434881)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** (7866442) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (6942143)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (626)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cookery show (510)
5.00 Esther (8539)
5.30 Catchword. Word game (862)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (192959)
6.45 The Big Trip. Tonight, reports from Australia, Chicago and Turkey. (Ceefax) (s) (686133). **Wales:** (to 9.00) Rugby Union: Wales A v South Africa
7.30 All Black. The last in the documentary series looking at Afro-Caribbean issues (539)
8.00 A Feast of Floyd. (Ceefax) (s) (7423)
8.30 University Challenge. The Open University meets St Benets, Oxford (6930)
9.00 Grace Under Fire. (Ceefax) (s) (9626)

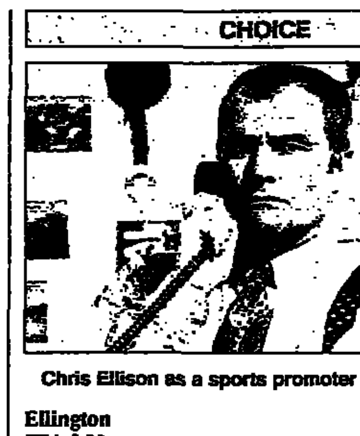


Benedict Allen, right, in Peru (9.30pm)

9.30 Video Diaries: Raiders of the Lost Lake. An expedition to find the giant snake of the Amazon in part of the Peruvian rainforest (76268)
10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (s) (712355)
10.35 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (956152)
11.20 The Late Show. Mark Lawson and guests, Jeremy Isaacs, David Mellor and Jude Kelly, discuss the National Lottery (s) (457591)
12.00 Weather (8901669)
12.05am FILM: L'Atalante (1934, b/w) starring Michel Simon and Jean Dasté. A drama about a young ship's captain who brings his new wife to live on the ship he shares with a cabin boy and an eccentric First Mate. Directed by Jean Vigo. In French with English subtitles (8918621). Ends at **1.35am**
2.00 Night School: Personal, Health and Social Education (33447) **4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today** (r) (60121602)

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CHOICE



Chris Ellison as a sports promoter (ITV, 8.30pm)

Ellington
ITV, 8.30pm

For five years in *The Bill* Chris Ellison played one of the show's most memorable characters, DI Burnside. It has been a hard act to follow. This is Ellison's first serious attempt to bury Burnside and start afresh. Burnside was a rough and not always honest copper. Ellington is a rough and mainly honest sports promoter, who specialises in snooker players and boxers. In an astutely-plotted scenario by Don Webb, he emerges as the good guy in a nasty world, conned out of his money, pursued by the press and lined up for a take-over. He hits back with street wisdom, a lawyer brother and, thankfully, the minimum of violence. More humour might help but this is an encouraging pilot that could spawn a durable series.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Meet Combat 18, a far-right group which according to Callum Macrae's report has close links with the British National Party, loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland, football hooligans and even the Ku Klux Klan. Combat 18's speciality is targeting people who oppose racism. Victims talk of bricks through the window, threatening phone calls and being physically attacked. A woman teacher who wrote to her local paper against racism was driven from her home, her town and her job. In line with the BNP's claim to have renounced its violent past, John Tyndall, its leader, tries to distance himself from Combat 18 activities. But Macrae's impressively-researched programme offers persuasive evidence to the contrary.

Back to School, Mr Bean
ITV, 8.00pm

Chaplin and Keaton were forced to be silent comedians because when they started films could not talk. Rowan Atkinson's Mr Bean chooses to be silent, or at least to communicate only in grunts. This could be because he is short of a few marbles, an interpretation which puts his humour in an entirely different light. Should we feel comfortable laughing at the mentally challenged? Happily the millions who enjoy Mr Bean on television, and all over again on video, are not likely to harbour such dark thoughts. Mr Bean's latest adventures are built around an open day at an adult education college. The green Mini supplies several jokes and others concern an explosion in the chemistry lab and a nude model in the art class.

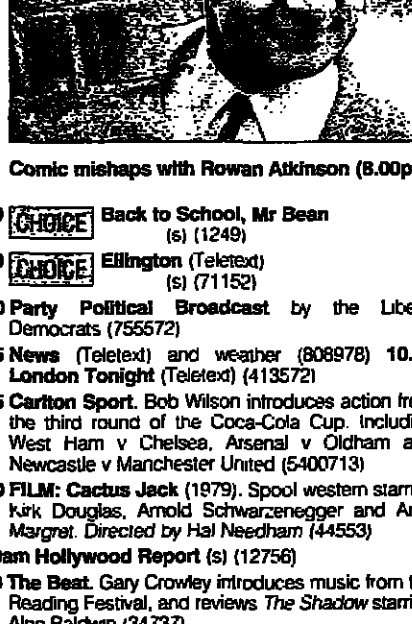
Counter Culture: Body Business
Channel 4, 9.45pm

The series on shops and shopping visits a salon in Nottingham which sells face treatments, leg waxes and other non-surgical aids to looking and feeling better. Once, we are told, such things were the preserve of the rich and famous. Now they are open to anyone, as long as they can afford the prices. Looking good does not come cheap. The full face-treatment is £800 and even a couple of tubes of skin cream cost £55. Another of the salon's specialities is swathing customers in bandages to make them look slimmer. What happens when the bandages come off is not clear. No wonder women omit to tell their partners where they have been. Yes, the customers are usually women, though not always.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (45274607)
8.40 Parkin's in ... Cartoon fun (3512572)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Dale Winton hosts the shopping quiz (s) (9439775) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2397046)
10.00 The Time ... The Place. Topical discussion with John Stapleton (s) (1865510)
10.35 This Morning presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (99943046) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (1838336)
12.30 News *(Teletext) and weather (8722959)*
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (8730978)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (81995249)
1.55 Capital Woman. Pushpa Sellers, who requires a donor kidney, believes that the government's plans to set up a register of organ donors will not solve the problem of lengthy waiting lists (s) (83812715)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53995268) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (1201268)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6670997) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (6679258)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4497607) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (8742125) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (s) (4491423) **4.05 Cartoon** (7372539) **4.10 Wolf It** (Teletext) (7286959) **4.40 Woof!** (Teletext) (4964046)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9522249)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (677688)
5.55 Your Shout. Video soapbox (286268)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (201)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (881)
7.00 Take Your Pick. Game show (Teletext) (s) (5201)
7.30 Coronation Street. How innocent is Mavis's relationship with Roger? (Teletext) (715)

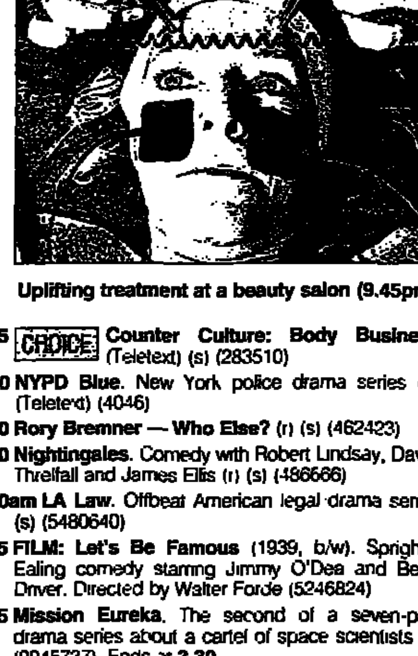


Comic mishaps with Rowan Atkinson (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Back to School, Mr Bean** (s) (1249)
8.30 CHOICE **Ellington** (Teletext) (s) (71152)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (755572)
10.05 News (Teletext) and weather (808978) **10.35 London Tonight** (Teletext) (413572)
10.45 Carlton Sport. Bob Wilson introduces action from the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup. Including West Ham v Chelsea, Arsenal v Oldham and Newcastle v Manchester United (5400713)
12.00 FILM: Cactus Jack (1979). Spoof western starring Kirk Douglas, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Ann-*Margret. Directed by Hal Needham (44553)*
1.30am Hollywood Report (s) (12756)
2.00 The Beat. Gary Crowley introduces music from the Reading Festival, and reviews *The Shadow* starring Alec Baldwin (34737)
3.00 The Album Show (s) (50824)
4.00 Beyond Reality. A woman is being haunted by visions of her dead husband (24195)
4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (73379)
5.00 America's Top Ten (r) *(s) (52398)*
5.30 ITN Morning News (64224). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am King Arthur and the Knights of Justice. Animation (r) (7866317)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (18201)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (73591)
9.30 Schools: Good Health (5146084) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (51356607) **10.02** Stage Two Science (5185626) **10.18** Understanding Northern Ireland (5164133) **10.40** The Technology Programme (5736572) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (3662882) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (6258688) **11.15** Picture This! (4643268) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3869510) **11.45** First Edition (3864065)
12.00 House to House. Political news and views (93355)
12.30pm Sesame Street. With Los Lobos (40978)
1.30 Hullaballoo (s). Followed by **Dig and Dug** (s) (87631)
2.00 FILM: Left Right and Centre (1959, b/w) Enjoyable British comedy starring Ian Carmichael as a television personality who fights a by-election for the Tories and falls in love with the Labour *candidate. With Patricia Bredin. Directed by Sidney* Gilliat (905572)
3.40 Adele and the Ponies. A Welsh emigrée's passion for breeding horses (2679539)
4.00 Waterways. The poet and naturalist Dick Warner travels along Ireland's rivers and canals in the penultimate episode of a six-part series. (Teletext) (s) (794)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (978)
5.00 Ricki Lake. This afternoon's discussion focuses on siblings who are ashamed that their brothers or sisters are gay (5376152)
5.50 Terrytoons. Cartoon adventures (452369)
6.00 Mork and Mindy (r) (171)
6.30 Boy Meets World (Teletext) (s) (423)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (592355)
7.50 Belfast Lessons (749065)
8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (2591)
8.30 Lonely Planet. *In the fifth of the six-part travel* series, Justine Shapiro travels by train from Guayaquil in Ecuador to the Andes and on to the Galapagos Islands. (Teletext) (1626)
9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches** (Teletext) (141607)



Uplifting treatment at a beauty salon (9.45pm)

9.45 CHOICE **Counter Culture: Body Business** (Teletext) (s) (283510)
10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (r). (Teletext) (4046)
11.00 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (s) (462423)
11.40 Nightingales. Comedy with Robert Lindsay, David Threlfall and James Ellis (r) (s) (486666)
12.10am LA Law. Offbeat American legal drama series (s) (5480640)
1.05 FILM: Let's Be Famous (1939, b/w). Sprightly Ealing comedy starring Jimmy O'Dea and Betty Driver. Directed by Walter Forde (5246824)
2.35 Mission Eureka. The second of a seven-part drama series about a cartel of space scientists (r) (9945737). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89313423) **2.20** Gardening Time (53987249) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1201268) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9522249) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (726065) **10.45** Anglia Sport Special (6506404) **12.10am** Beyond Reality (9110404) **12.40** Man on a String (8326331) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6255973) **2.35** The Album Show (8282640) **3.25** Get Stuffed (16259553) **3.40** Jobfinder (2524843) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5989379)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89313423) **2.20** Gardening Time (53987249) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1201268) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9522249) **6.25-7.00** Central News (726065) **10.45** Central Sports Special (6506404) **12.10am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9110404) **12.40-1.30** Love and War (4939379) **4.00** Jobfinder (7331114) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8197263)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home and Away (8730978) **1.25** Coronation Street (81995249) *1.55 Highway to Heaven* (6404626) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1201268) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9522249) **6.25** Granada Tonight (726065) **7.00-7.30** Take Your Pick (5201) **10.45** Granada Soccer Night (29649978) **12.25am** Sufi McKagen — In Profile (5204027) **12.40** Man on a String (8326331) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6255973) **2.35** The Album Show (8282640) **3.25** Get Stuffed (16259553) **3.40** Jobfinder (2524843) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5989379)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-3.20 Angels (3003539) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9522249) **5.55** Home and Away (837256) **3.25-7.00** HTV News (726065) **10.45** The Equalizer (330065) **11.40** The West Match (556336) **12.40am** Man on a String (8326331) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6255973) **2.35** The Album Show (8282640) **3.25** Get Stuffed (16259553) **3.40** Jobfinder (2524843) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5989379)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (726065) **10.35-10.45** HTV News (413572) **11.40-12.40am** Top Sport (556336)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2397046) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1838336) **1.55** A Country Practice (89313423) **2.20** Southern Gold (53987249) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1201268) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News (6679268) **5.10** Home and Away (9522249) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Making It Happen (107292) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (201) **6.30-7.00** Girls, Girls, Girls (881) **10.35** Meridian News and Weather (413572) **10.45** Midweek Sport (5400713) **12.00-1.30am** Curiosity Kills (44553) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (52398)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 High Road (83812715) **2.25-2.55** Westcountry Focus: Fair's Fair (53979220) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9522249) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (20997) **10.35** Westcountry News; Weather (413572) **10.45** The Westcountry Match (330065) **11.40** The Equalizer (556336) **12.40am** Man on a String (8326331) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6255973) **2.35** The Album Show (8282640) **3.25** Get Stuffed (16259553) **3.40** Jobfinder (2524843) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5989379)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89313423) **2.20-2.50** Look and Cook (53987249) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News / Network North (6679268) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9522249) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (759268) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (881) **10.35** Calendar News and Weather (413572) **10.45** Scrumdown — Kangaroos on Tour (5400713) **12.00** Something to Hide (617992) **1.45am** Hollywood Report (63911) **2.15** Videofashion (55992) **2.45** The Album Show (232843) **3.45** Nosey Mothers (2523114) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (3223008)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am *The Big Breakfast* (18201) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (73591) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (760539) **12.00pm** House to House (93355) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin: Sam Tan (53620) **1.00** Sesame Street (21075) **2.00** Bells Are Ringing (33166442) **4.20** The Do-It-Yourself Cartoon Kit (7375626) **4.30** Gamesmaster (978) **5.00** 5 Pump — Job a Hanner (9315220) **5.20** 5 Pump — Tochaban (2458171) **5.30** Fifteen to One (930) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (407997) **6.20** Heno (716688) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6171) **7.30** *C' Mon Midffîld (607)* **8.00** Pengelli (2591) **8.30** Darllediad Gwleidyddol: Y Democratiaid (947930) **8.35** Newyddion/news (850107) **9.05** Dim Ond Celf (493607) **9.40** Rap (824881) **10.05** Brookside (899220) **10.35** Cutting Edge: Open Wide (320688) **11.35** Tocyn i'r Dath: Cymru' A' a De Affrica (176249) **12.20am** Dispatches (6016973) **1.05** The World of Hammer: Frankenstein (7370282)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (15944210) **8.40** Cartoons (8377301) **9.30** Card Sharks (9012688) **9.55** Concentration (9020607) **10.25** *Dynamo Duck* (2776046) **10.30** New Candid Camera (37713) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (66862) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (28065) **12.30pm** E Street (38930) **1.00** Falcon Crest (86713) **2.00** Hart to Hart (49607) **3.00** The Heights (6976775) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (1234423) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3862) **6.00** Gamesworld (9775) **6.30** Spellbound (3355) **7.00** E Street (4591) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9539) **8.00** One West Waikiki (78572) **9.00** The Wanderer (98336) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (91423) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (726133) **11.45** Booker (641607) **12.45am** Barney Miller (81331) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (88244)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (93065) **9.30** Fashion TV (65084) **9.30** News Extra (65084) **10.30** Nightline (35356) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (68171) **2.30** Parliament (6688) **6.00** Littlejohn (7317) **9.30** Target I (56336) **11.30** CBS News (35404) **12.30am** ABC News (25263) *1.10 Littlejohn (2773076)* **2.10** Newswatch (8341602) **2.30** Parliament (69262) **3.30** Parliament (50534) **4.30** CBS News (87114) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (68824)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2202084) **10.00 Buckeye and Blue** (1988): Comedy-western **12.00 Agatha** (1979). Drama (46510) **2.00pm Blue Fire Lady** (1976): Australian family drama (82775) **4.00 Murder So Sweet** (1993). Drama (8794) **6.00 Buckeye and Blue** As 10am (67369) **8.00 Ruby Cairo** (1992): Mystery thriller (17864) **10.00 The Fisher King** (1991): Whimsical comedy (42659713) **12.20am Mirror Images II** (1993): Erotic drama (866331) **1.55 No Retreat, No Surrender 3 — Blood Brothers** (1989): Martial arts action (615195) **3.30-6.00 Younger and Younger** (1993): Comedy with Donald Sutherland (484973)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Court Jester (1955): Classic Danny Kaye comedy (71607) **8.00 A Foreign Affair** (1948): Satire (76152) **10.00-12.00 Spacehunter — Adventures in the Forbidden Zone** (1983): Sci-fi (51355)

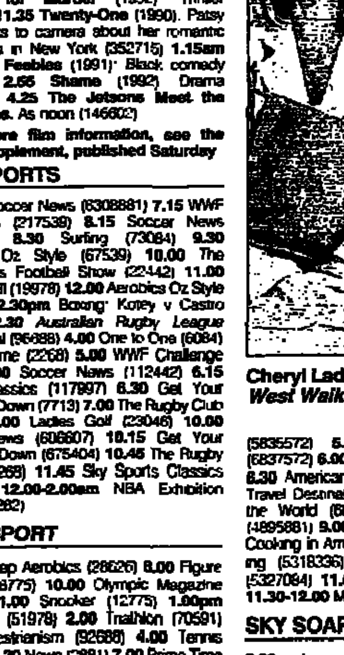
THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan the Fearless (1933): Buster Crabbe stars (91881) **8.00 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** (1985): Animated cartoon (74107) **9.00 The Call of the Wild:** Cartoon (97881) **10.00 The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones** Cartoon (47688) **12.00 Freeze Frame** (1989): Drama (44152) **2.00pm One Desire** (1955): Melodrama (80317) **4.00 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea:** As 8am (77355) **6.00 The Call of the Wild:** As 9am (8572) **6.00 Freeze Frame** As noon (89852) **7.30 Special Feature: Opening Titles** (2249) **8.00 Blame It On the Bellboy** (1991): Frantic comedy (17846) **10.00 A Passion for Murder** (1992) Thriller (855775) **11.35 Twenty-One** (1990). Patsy Kensit talks to camera about her romantic adventures in New York (352715) **1.15am Meet the Feebles** (1991): Black comedy (371114) **2.55 Shame** (1992) Drama (8012840) **4.25 The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones.** As noon (146602)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8308881) **7.15** WWF Superstars (217539) **8.15** Soccer News (9627210) **8.30** Surfing (73084) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (67539) **10.00** The Footballer's Football Show (22442) **11.00** Boots 'n' All (19978) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (11862) **12.30pm** Boxing: Kotey v Castro (60794) *2.30 Australian Rugby League Grand Final (96688)* **4.00** One to One (6084) **4.30** Extreme (2268) **5.00** WWF Challenge (7220) **6.00** Soccer News (112442) **6.15** Sports Classics (117997) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (7713) **7.00** The Rugby Club (36510) **8.00** Ladies Golf (23046) **10.00** Soccer News (606607) **10.15** Get Your Handicap Down (675404) **10.45** The Rugby Club (454268) **11.45** Sky Sports Classics (833607) **12.00-2.00am** NBA Exhibition Match (25282)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (28626) **8.00** Figure Skating (78775) **10.00** Olympic Magazine (17510) **11.00** Snooker (12775) **1.00pm** Eurotennis (51978) **2.00** Triathlon (70591) **3.00** Equestrianism (92688) **4.00** Tennis (850626) **6.30** News (2881) **7.00** Prime Time Boxing (29355) **9.00** Motors (27862) **10.00** Motorcycling (37249) **11.00** Equestrianism (25530) **12.00-12.30am** News (99089)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations (5317607) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5574978) **1.00** Roads To Freedom (5562133) **2.00** American Adventurer (5844220) **2.30** Cooking in America (6866084) **3.00** Ticket to Paradise (5863355) **3.30** Mansions (6838201) **4.00** Roads to Freedom (6857336) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6846220) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5835572) **5.30** Cooking in America (6837572) **6.00** Ticket to Paradise (6867713) **6.30** American Adventurer (6858065) **7.00** Travel Destinations (5855336) **7.30** Around the World (6854249) **8.00** Travel Guide (4895881) **9.00** Video Travel Tips (9293355) **9.30** Cooking in America (5587442) **10.00** Cruising (5318336) **10.30** Travel Destinations (5327084) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (9265572) **11.30-12.00** Mansions (8575220)



Cheryl Ladd, Richard Burgi, *One West Waikiki* (Sky One, 8.00pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5307220) **8.30** Peyton Place (5306591) **9.00** As the World Turns (2594510) **10.00** Guiding Light (5998808) **11.00-12.00** Another World (7376132)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7491317) **9.30** Simply Delicious Fish (1944220) **10.00** Talking Heads (4332978) **10.30** Some Babies Die (1842775) **11.30** Youth Express (5144688) **12.00** Do You Take This Man? (7404881) **12.30pm** Northern Eye (1955336) **1.00** Simply Delicious Fish (5842171) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (1954607) **2.00** Life is for Living (1221688) **2.30** Private Lives (3803030) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (1233423) **3.30-4.00** *Running Repairs* (4358135)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (6021959) **7.30** Neighbours (8033794) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9571336) **8.30** EastEnders (9570607) **9.00** The Bill (9561959) **9.30** The Lotus Eaters (5275862) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (88869688) **11.35** The Sullivans (19544152) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9574423) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1839268) **1.00** EastEnders (8013930) **1.30** The Bill (1898539) **2.00** Bless This House (6684133) **2.30** Citizen Smith (9414317) **3.00** *Knots Landing (3502268)* **4.00** *Dynasty (3581775)* **5.00** Every Second Counts (4065607) **5.35** Top of the Pops (6537046) **5.55** Terry and June (6737152) **6.30** EastEnders (9439626) **7.00** Citizen Smith (8695249) **7.30** Colin's Sandwich (3428510) **8.00** Dallas (6778591) **10.00** The Bill (9575152) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6159775) **11.20** Ripping Yarns (4270713) **12.00** Dr Who (4891992) **12.30am** The Goodies (7922060) **1.05** South of the Border (7214534) **2.05-3.00** Shopping (3952331)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am It's Droibee Time (35591) **7.00** Pastagums (8711317) **7.15** Tiitou (6752268) **7.25** Where's Wally (1505133) **7.55** Head to Head (3186201) **8.05** Eek the Cat (1021171) **8.30** Saved by the Bell (51404) **9.00** Super Mario Brothers (75084) **9.30** Art Attack (54387) **10.00** Beakman's World (84881) **10.30** Bobbys World (71268) **11.00** Jem (53713) **11.30** Beverly Hills Teens (54442) **12.00** T-Rex (55220) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (54325) **1.00** Pugwall (11423) **1.30** *Saved by the Bell (84244)* **2.00** Eek the Cat (6133) **2.30** Babysitters Club (4404) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (3618862) **3.10** Around the World in Eighty Seconds (5054862) **3.45** Head to Head (3293238) **4.00** The Bots Master (8084) **4.30-5.00** Round the Twist (4268)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (12065) **7.30** Grimmy (3920794) **7.45** Rugrats (607978) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (1427292) **8.30** Ghostbusters (15688) **9.00** Nick Jr (787591) **12.00** Pee Wee's Playhouse (19404) **12.30pm** Muppet Show (69997) **1.00** Doug (11336) **1.30** Chipmunks (68268) **2.00** Denver (2777) **2.30** Smoggies (6666) **3.00** Real Ghostbusters (4510) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (5591) **4.00** Grimmy (4626) **4.30** Rugrats (3510) **5.00** Clarissa (6355) **5.30** Doug (4862) **6.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1775) **6.30-7.00** Joe 90 (5355)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Life in the Wild (9436539) **4.30** Coral Reef (9425423) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8606355) **5.30** The New Explorers (9416775) **6.00** *Beyond 2000* (8838336) **6.55** Sports of the World (7038881) **7.05** Predators (3820997) **8.00** The Big Race (6776133) **9.00** The Nature of Things (6798997) **10.00** Fields of Armour (9573794) **10.30** Spies (9582442) **11.00** Terra X (3580046) **11.30-12.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (3831133)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM The Last Days of Dolwyn (1949): Drama (3859539) **2.00** The Avengers (3830404) **3.00** My Three Sons (8698336) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (9404930) **4.00** FILM. Fast and Loose (1954) Comedy (1877317) **5.30** Drama Classics (9403201) **6.00** Get Smart (9433442) **6.30** Cannon (8426862) **7.30** Scotland Yard (9420978) **8.00** The Avengers (6770959) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3505355) **9.30** The Rat Patrol (1864572) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Gods Must Be Crazy II (1990) Drama (3596607)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (2257336) **7.00** Living Magazine (5634274) **8.00** All Well and Good (7496862) **8.30** Women Mean Business (7495133) **9.00** Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery (7507404) **9.35** Definition (4703084) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4327046) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7415997) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5833423) **12.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (4329189) **12.35pm** Kilroy (3827065) **1.30** Signs of the Times (1949775) **2.00** Agony Hour (4328775) **3.00** Jayne's Living Magazine (8710305) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (46540775) **4.00** Infatuation UK (3003238) *4.30 Definition (57945510)* **4.55** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (3078133) **5.30** Kate and Allie (3106862) **6.00** Maternal World (6358305) **6.30** Rodeo Drive (2653797) **7.00** Jayne's Living Magazine (4995355) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4971775) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (4991539) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (4994626) **11.00-12.00** Love Life (5821688)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (9323) **5.30** Boogies Diner (8220) **6.00** Ocean Odyssey (5133) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (9713) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7249) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (5997) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (78510) **9.00** Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie (86997) **11.00** Lou Grant (98572) **12.00** Rhoda (38621) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (92331) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (55553) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (85282) **2.00** Boogies Diner (49981) **2.30** Big Brother Jake (90718) **3.00** Lou Grant (76824) **4.00** Rhoda (95263) **4.30-5.00** Mighty Jungle (43718)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (84992) **6.30** The Grind (79959) **7.00** Wildside (91794) **8.00** VJ Ingo (605423) **11.00** Soul (19065) **12.00** Hits (93978) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (492626) **3.30** The Report (6443751) **3.45** CineMatic (1493256) **4.00** News (1588404) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1501355) **4.30** Dial (6626) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (78171) **7.00** Hits (61320) **8.00** Most Wanted (53997) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (94607) **10.00** The Report (499404) **10.15** CineMatic (494959) **10.30** News (261171) **10.45** 3 from 1 (266626) **11.00** The End? (26539) **1.00** Soul (63176) **2.00** The Grind (13669) **2.30-6.00** Videos (811992)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (3662369) **9.00** Cafe (1398997) **12.00** The Bridge (6224355) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (6353423) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8689713) **3.30** Into the Music (7775220) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5584355) **7.00** For You (4868591) **8.00** Soul (4804539) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4884775) **10.00** The Bridge (2507084) **11.30** Today's Top 5 (8584978) **12.00** The Nightfly (5816911) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1161027) **3.00** Soul (8369060) **4.00** Ten of the Best (8643485) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol (8302824)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (39317) **7.00** Asian Morning (98268) **8.30** Bunyaad (48930) **9.00** Film (7208423) **1.00pm** New Serial (15249) **1.30** Movie (237046) **4.30** Kiddie Time (1794) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (3046) **7.00** Worldtime (6591) **7.30** Zameen Aasman (1539) **8.00** News (883133) **8.15** Movie (58319633) **11.15** Serial (134751) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6163195) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (29738398)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Good Earth (1937) (44414152) **9.40 The Painted Veil** (1934): Drama (97693065) **11.15 Dragon Seed** (1944) Drama (94450930) **1.55am West of Shanghai** *(1937) Drama (18990060)* **3.10-4.35 The Painted Veil:** As 9.40pm (98825634)

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Fallen giants face semi-final test of fraying nerves

Kevin McCarra on the importance of victory to Aberdeen and Celtic

A MEETING of fragile teams is always likely to produce a game of splinters and fragments. When Aberdeen and Celtic collide in the semi-finals of the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup at Ibrox this evening, misadventure, rather than verve, may well determine the result. At present, neither side possesses the confidence to generate majestic football.

Amnesia would be a blessing for these semi-finalists. They have each lost their last two league matches and Aberdeen are second bottom of the table. Celtic are without a trophy since 1989 and the last honour collected by their rivals was the Scottish Cup in 1990. Ambition, when unfulfilled, becomes an ache, and these clubs are both in pain.

The consequences of continued failure would be even more agonising. The entire strategy of Celtic's new owners rests on a £5.4 million share issue to supporters which could falter if those followers feel they are being invited to invest in mediocrity. The Aberdeen manager, Willie Miller, has another form of bottom line with which to reckon.

He is in his third full season in the post and his contract is unlikely to be renewed if a trophy is not sitting in the boardroom by the summer. The Coca-Cola Cup, with only first-division opponents to be overcome in the final, is particularly alluring. Miller ought to feel at ease with Aberdeen's task tonight.

As Celtic's injury-hit team disintegrates, Aberdeen have an air of gathering strength. The goalkeeper, Theo Snelders, the playmaker, Ray McKinnon, and the forward, Duncan Shearer, are all back in the squad, either restored to health or returned from suspension. Even if Eoin Jess is still recuperating, Aberdeen appear to have a richer squad than Celtic, its talent more evenly distributed throughout the various departments of the team.

The Celtic manager, Tommy Burns, scoffed at the encouragement apparently offered by his adversaries' league form. "They are in a false position," he said yesterday, "and there will be a very different complexion on things by the end of the season."

The face of his own team is, to Burns's alarm, also about to change. He has to rustle up a new pair of full backs. On Saturday, Lee Martin broke his leg and Tom Boyd sustained a knee injury. In midfield, the club's record signing, Phil O'Donnell, is cup-tied, and the captain, Paul McStay, has still to demonstrate that he has recovered after requiring stitches in a gashed shin 11 days ago.

The selection is therefore likely to feature great upheaval. Tony Mowbray, who lost a stone while suffering with a viral infection, could be fielded, and there might even be a place for Paul Byrne, the Irish winger who has not played for the first team this season. It is Burns's task to replace scrutiny of medical history with recollection of tradition.

His recent predecessors have seen Celtic crumple in adversity, and Burns will take immense credit if he can produce a side with the indefatigability which was once unthinkingly associated with the club.

There is much for Celtic to surmount. Aberdeen have won the last three meetings between the clubs in this competition and have tended, since the 1970s, to have the better of other cup-ties, too. Should their nerve hold and the defence finally achieve cohesion, they ought to be victorious this evening. It remains, though, impossible to guess what distortions will be created by fear and desperation. For Celtic and Aberdeen, this is a match that almost matters too much.

□ Alan McLaren, the Scotland defender, completed his £1 million transfer from Heart of Midlothian to Rangers yesterday. McLaren, 23, may make his debut against Celtic at Hampden Park on Sunday.

League admits season is affected by dispute

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE National Hockey League (NHL) has admitted that a full schedule will not be played this season as the dispute that has divided ice hockey in North America drags on. Yesterday saw the first meeting between the two warring sides in two weeks, but there was still no indication of any breakthrough to the argument between the players and the team owners.

The league, which began a lockout of players on October 1, had previously said that games had been postponed. Yesterday, however, it cancelled four games for each team — two home, two away — without deciding which four.

"When the start date is ascertained, the revised schedule will be released," the league said in a statement. The NHL commissioner, Gary Bettman, and players' union leaders met in Chicago without progress.

"They met for a few hours and held some general discussions," a union spokesman, Steve MacAllister, said in Toronto. "There were no new proposals and they talked about planning for future meetings."

It was the first face-to-face meeting between Bettman and his opposite numbers since October 10 in Toronto, when the union presented its last proposal. Owners rejected the plan on the following day and there was no contact between the leaders until telephone calls were made last Thursday and Friday. Additional talks are expected, but neither side is saying where or when they will be.

The lockout's 24th day yesterday caused the postponement of two more games, raising the total to 134. The league said the revised schedule would take several factors into account.

"In redrawing the schedule, factors such as competitive balance, division and conference play, building availability and travel must be considered," the NHL said. "For those reasons, any game that has been postponed may be rescheduled for later in the season."

The NHL said teams have "already advised, or will soon be advising, their supporters about their ticket refund policy."

Chinese to follow Australia's lead on drug tests

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CHINA will move to allay concerns that its athletes use performance-enhancing drugs by setting up an independent drug-testing agency to carry out random checks.

Chinese authorities indicated they would create the body along the lines of Australia's drug-testing agency, which tests athletes at random and often outside of competitions — the Australian Sports Minister, John Faulkner, said yesterday, announcing an agreement between the countries on drug testing in sport.

"Using the ASDA [Australian Sports Drugs Agency] model, they've said that their agency should be focused heavily on out-of-competition testing," Faulkner said.

A spate of record-breaking performances by Chinese swimmers and runners has fuelled speculation by some Western coaches that Chinese competitors use performance-enhancing drugs.

Until now, Chinese sports authorities have not been able to carry out widespread random testing and have had to rely on tests by international bodies.

In September, the International Amateur Athletic Federation surprised women distance runners trained by Ma Junren with spot tests in Peking. The federation reported two weeks ago that those tests were negative. Ma is said to feed turtle blood to his runners and finances his team with sales of a sports elixir.

Officials from Chinese sports medicine bodies visited the ASDA's centre in Canberra in mid-July and said then they were interested in using Australia's techniques for keeping drugs out of sport.

China said in April that 33 of its athletes, including world and Olympic champions, had tested positive for anabolic steroids since it began testing in 1988.

Since then the woman discus thrower, Qu Qiaping, failed a drug test before the Asian Games in Hiroshima, which were dominated by Chinese.

"This is the first time that the Chinese have acknowledged that out-of-competition testing is necessary for the credibility of any programme," Faulkner said.





Gooch, whose sweeping progress was monitored by Marsh, and Gough, right, engineered England's victory at Lilac Hill yesterday. Photographs: Graham Morris

Gooch brushes up old mastery

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERTH

ENGLAND began their tour of Australia at Lilac Hill with a comforting victory in pleasant surroundings yesterday. Graham Gooch made 129, Darren Gough took five wickets and everyone, including a crowd of 10,000, went home happy except Shaun Udal, the Hampshire off spinner, who suffered a hairline fracture of his left thumb.

Udal had bowled six overs when he retired, having failed to hold a stinging return drive from Ricky Ponting, the 19-year-old Tasmanian, who made a brilliant 82 at a run a ball for the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI. Ponting's batting was the highlight of a harmonious day even if Udal, who will be out of action for at least a fortnight, may withhold his endorsement. But for Ponting, England's winning margin would have been more emphatic than seven wickets with 16 balls to spare.

There was another Australian performance to treasure from a man who had established his unsurpassable reputation before Ponting was born. Dennis Lillee is in his 46th year and he is still a canny enough bowler to dismiss Michael Atherton and Graeme Hick for a combined total of 15 runs.

He took two for 32 from his ten overs and looked better by far than many men who collect a living wage from English county clubs. Atherton edged low to second slip, Hick, trying to turn the ball to leg, offered Lillee an awkward return catch he did well to grasp.

Introduced to the tented ground by the pipers from the Presbytery Ladies College, England bowled first after losing the toss. Gough, running in powerfully, immediately bounced Tom Moody, who was playing on his home ground, and in his second over had the Worcestershire batsman leg-before, playing half forward.

This brought in Ponting, of whom there are immensely high hopes, and he did not disappoint. He hooked his third ball, from Gough, in the most scornful way to the boundary and was soon collecting runs on both sides of the wicket delightfully.

Classical in style, even if he does shuffle occasionally across his stumps, Ponting reached a wonderful half-century from 36 balls, with ten fours, a hooked six off McCague, one two and two singles. Clearly, when the parson baptised him, he sprinkled some stardust on the infant's head.

Greg Chappell, who batted at No 5, must surely have been as enchanted as everyone else, in particular by an on drive off Benjamin. That was the stroke Chappell virtually privatised in his own brilliant career. For Ponting to play so beautifully in front of Chappell, and the three other former Australian greats, is the mark of an even temperament.

He began the Sheffield Shield season last week with a century against Queensland and he is already certain to feature in the Australian A team this winter. It is not always prudent to anoint men so young but it is equally clear that he has a special talent. The Australians bat well, and in depth. Even so, Ponting may come close to winning a Test place if he maintains this sort of form.

Gough eventually accounted for him with the first ball of his second spell, and it was an important wicket. Ponting had made 127 with Geoff Marsh at five runs an over. After Marsh fell in Gough's next over, superbly taken at gully by DeFreitas, England were able to keep the innings in check.

DeFreitas was the most economical bowler, adding two wickets to his splendid catch. McCague started poorly, conceding 33 runs from three wayward overs, but was ultimately denied a hat-trick of veterans when Thomson blocked a ball that had bowled Rod Marsh and Lillee. Gough, who ended the innings, deserved his successes. As Keith Fletcher admitted afterwards, he is not the sort of cricketer who can ever "rein it in".

Lillee greeted Atherton with an effective bouncer when England replied and followed through as if to say: "We haven't been introduced." It was all knockabout stuff and Lillee was entitled to laugh when Moody scooped a good slip catch. To get Hick as well was a boon.

Gooch proved more troublesome and, with Thorpe settling in nicely, England moved ever more smoothly towards the 233 needed. Only 20 runs were required when Gooch drove at Martyn and Marsh, standing up, held a sharp catch. Gooch had faced 130 balls, hit 19 fours and driven Zoehrer for two sixes shortly before he was out.

"I would not read too much into it," he said later. "It was a good pitch and an enjoyable day out. What Greg Chappell said about my age was fair because it does not become any easier, but this is my last chance to help England regain the Ashes. I would prefer to open the batting all the time but you have to consider the best interests of the team."

LILAC HILL SCOREBOARD

ACB CHAIRMAN'S XI

T M Moody lbw b Gough	0
G R Marsh c DeFreitas b Gough	46
R T Ponting c and b Gough	82
*D R Martyn c Thorpe b DeFreitas	36
G S Chappell b Gough	3
G B Hogg lbw b Benjamin	33
T J Zoehrer b Gough	4
B P Julian c Rhodes b DeFreitas	1
†R W Marsh b McCague	11
D K Lillee b McCague	0
J R Thomson not out	2
Extras (lb 1, w 5, nb 8)	14
Total (49.4 overs)	232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-132, 3-139, 4-143, 5-213, 6-213, 7-214, 8-230, 9-230

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-3-27-2, Gough 9.4-1-32-5, McCague 7-0-61-2, Benjamin 10-1-50-1, Udal 6-0-29-0, Hick 7-0-32-0

ENGLAND XI

G A Gooch c R W Marsh b Martyn	129
*M A Atherton c Moody b Lillee	8
G A Hick c and b Lillee	7
G P Thorpe not out	61
M W Gatting not out	18
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 3, nb 6)	15
Total (3 wkts, 47.2 overs)	236

†S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, S D Udal, D Gough, M J McCague and J E Benjamin did not bat.

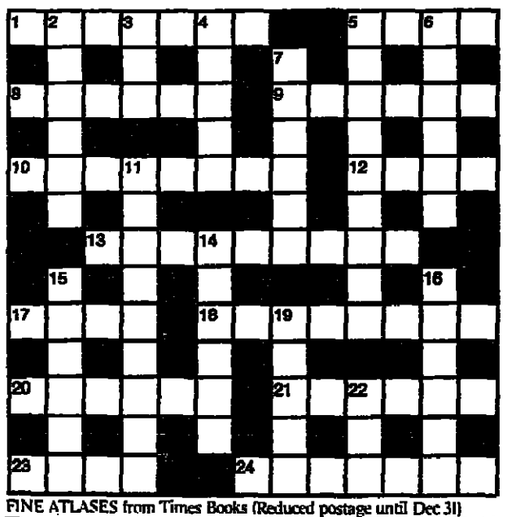
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-44, 3-212.

BOWLING: Lillee 10-0-32-2; Thomson 7-1-30-0, Moody 8-1-33-0, Martyn 7-0-36-1; Julian 8-0-41-1; Zoehrer 6-0-47-0; Chappell 1.2-0-11-0

Umpires: R Evans and G Bibby

Man of the match: G A Gooch (England).





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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 302

ACROSS
1 Stalks left after harvest (7)
5 Old Persian wonder-worker (4)
8 Division (of society, circle, operations area) (6)
9 Unabridged (2,4)
10 Mythological uphill stone-roller (8)
12 Oxford second eight (4)
13 Knock in firmly; head back from office (5,4)
17 Mammals: crazy (4)
18 Formal supporter of proposal (8)
20 Proverb (6)
21 Strike call; whole-hearted (3,3)
23 Adorn: platform (4)
24 Out of work (as actor) (7)

DOWN
2 Ph.D. submission (6)
3 Gamble (3)
4 Stagger (5)
5 Old (Drury Lane) cake vendor (6-3)
6 Cambridge second eight (6)
7 Cherry brandy (6)
11 Standard of comparison (9)
14 Face; aspect (6)
15 Wine jug (6)
16 Profit; two-way ticket (6)
19 Bird: stretch (neck) (5)
22 Null serve (tennis) (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 301

ACROSS: 7 Blaze 8 Doormat 9 Catch on 10 Axiom 11 Snow 12 Heptagon 15 Side-arms 16 Barb 19 Valid 21 Nominee 22 Rookery 23 Gusto

DOWN: 1 Abacus 2 Fast food 3 Lethe 4 To taste 5 Impi 6 Stamen 8 Danger money 13 Glasnost 14 Handler 15 Severe 17 Breton 18 Imago 20 Loot

CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Heemsoth - Heisenbuther, Germany 1958.

How did White capitalise on the power of the rooks on the g-file to win material?

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WORDWATCHING

By Philip Howard

HESVAN
a. A wheelbarrow
b. A month
c. A cloak

ISPAGHUL
a. A legendary lizard
b. A system of recompense
c. A plantain

ITHEL
a. An Elvish Utopia
b. An amino-acid
c. A tamarisk

MIASMAL
a. Foggy
b. Aquatic
c. Threatening

Answers on page 44